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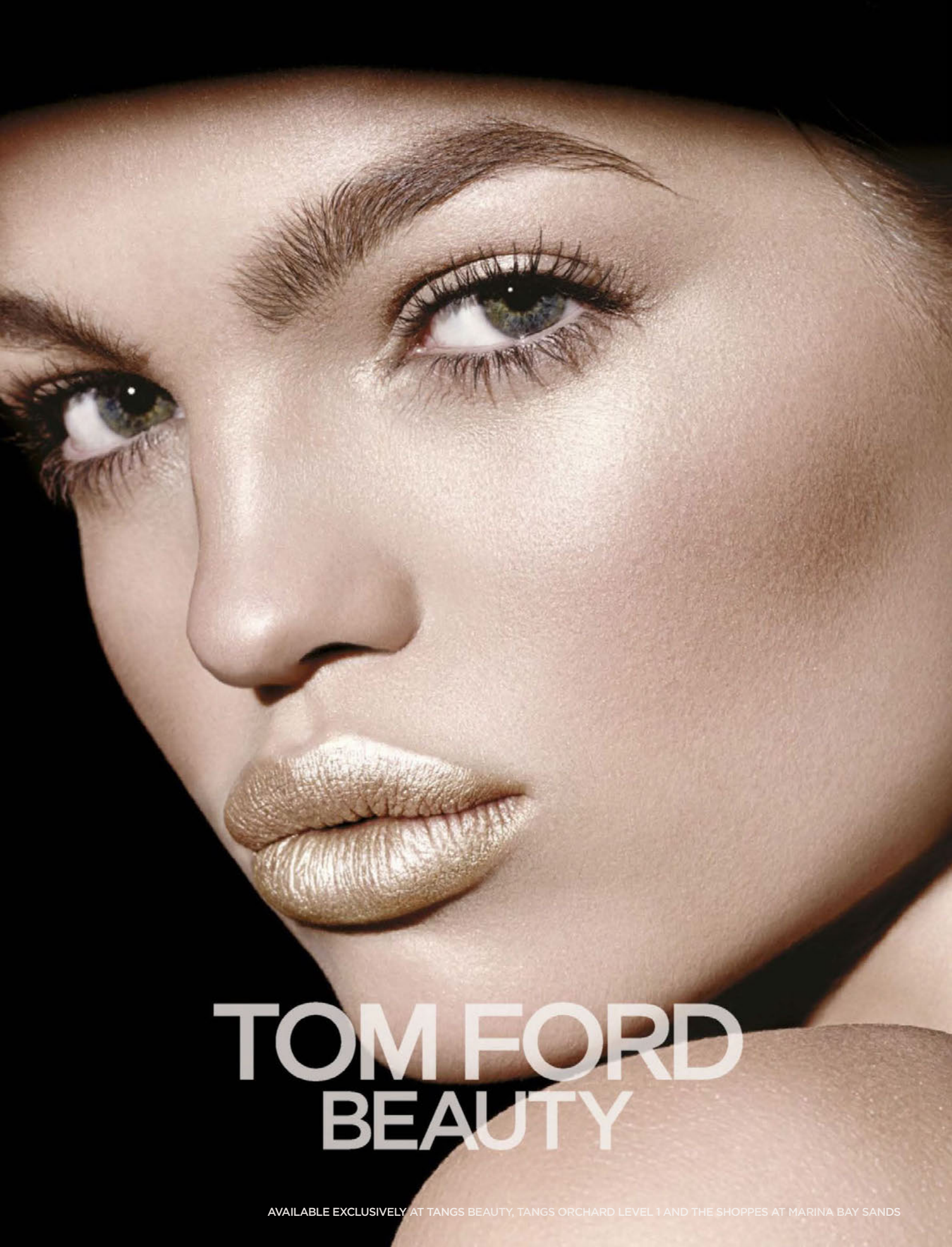
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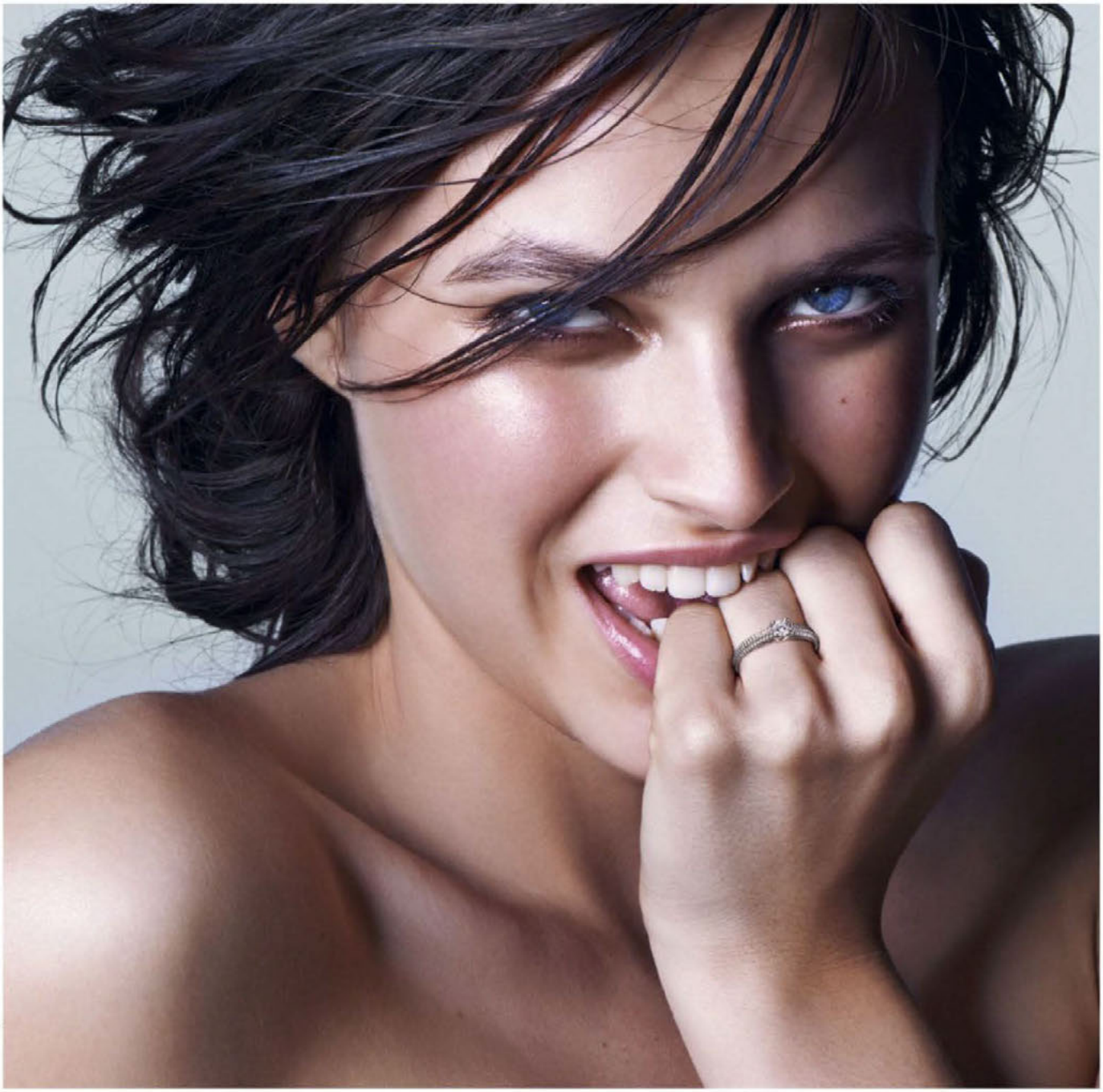


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Women of power: Zoe Tay, Rosalyn Lee and Glenda Chong.





As Singapore marks its Golden Jubilee this month, what does it mean, really, to be a Singaporean today?

The story thus far is all too familiar to us now: In 1965, Lee Kuan Yew became the first Prime Minister of Singapore, an impoverished, chaotic city-state with little in the way of infrastructure, sanitation or urban planning. Fast-forward to today, and Singapore is hailed as an economic miracle and attained first-world status, even as chinks have appeared in the Singapore Dream.

For me, in spite of the issues we face in Singapore today, we are the Little Red Dot that could — regardless of race, language or religion. Our pledge, written in 1966 by S Rajaratnam, Singapore's first Minister of Foreign Affairs, against the backdrop of racial riots in the 1950s and 1960s, is an evocative piece of prose that transcends ideology: So simply written, so powerful... And in this day and age, so hard to stick to.

In this issue, we highlight *The Power Players*, p.124, shining the spotlight on 10 game-changers, including cover girl Zoe Tay: Did you know that local TV's biggest star is also an advocate for women's causes? She, along with the likes of news anchor Glenda Chong, Lush 99.5's Rosalyn Lee and lawyer-film producer Min Tan, give us a glimpse into what powers them to do what they do, and most importantly — why.

Much has been made of Singapore style, or the lack of it. Singaporeans continue to prioritise comfort over chic, but over the past five years, I've observed a shift towards dressing, well, better. Perhaps it's the hipster movement and its backlash, normcore, among youths. Perhaps it's the fact that with online shopping, there's a plethora of high-low options 24/7. But are we still on *The Search for Identity*, p.136, asks features editor Michelle Bong.

Earlier this year, we collaborated on a calendar project with Ion Orchard to feature Singapore's top models, past and present. That there is a dearth of Singapore models now is not lost on us at ELLE, which is why we wanted to feature some of them again — and a cover model from earlier this year, too! — in our homage to Singapore fashion. Turn to *Fly the Flag*, p.70, and open your eyes to our definition of Singapore style.

The one thing that binds Singaporeans, wherever we are, is food. It's funny how, whenever we're at Fashion Week, someone invariably starts talking about the flavours of home and bam! We're all homesick. Find out what Team ELLE's favourite hawker nosh is in *Flavours of Home*, p.140.

Singapore is more than just damn shiok, can't-find-anywhere-else hawker food. Ask any visitor to Singapore and other than our local specialities, the following words will invariably crop up: Clean, green, organised, tropical, humid, great place to do business. It will be interesting to see how Singapore evolves in the next 50 years, and what words will be used to describe it.

Whatever it is, for better or for worse, this country is home, truly for us at Team ELLE. Happy birthday, Singapore. ELLE



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Cover girl Zoe Tay shows up early for our shoot, sniffling behind her tinted sunnies. "I was sick two days ago," she explains, but didn't want to postpone the session that took weeks to put together. She soldiers on, sitting down in front of a huge, lit mirror as makeup artist Cindy Goh adeptly accentuates her lovely features with eyeshadow, mascara and blush. The glamorous Zoe we have all come to know appears, ready to turn on the magic switch in front of the camera. Under the bright lights and the direction of celeb lensman Wee Khim, she's all intense eyes, arched back, confident postures — jumping, swivelling, turning and hopping as directed. "I won't pick you for the SEA Games, girl," Wee Khim jokes, and receives Zoe's indignant pout, then a megawatt grin before she continues. Her toned, lithe frame is clad in several BOSS Womenswear options, along with jewellery from Van Cleef & Arpels. And as only a seasoned professional like herself can do, she not only brings her A game, but manages to wrap up the shoot in double-quick time. Now — *that's* powerful. ELLE



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Want to join the ranks of Claudia Schiffer, Adriana Lima and Gigi Hadid? These models hit the big time when they became **Guess** Girls – and now the brand has launched its first South-east Asia Model Search! The winner scores a cash prize and other gifts worth US$10,000 ($13,500), a trip to Los Angeles and the chance to be photographed by the Guess team. Think you're up to it? Submit your entry online at guessgirl.com. Till 16 August.





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It's the last day you can catch **Gardens by the Bay**'s special SG50 celebrations and enjoy Jubilee Weekend discounts. Discover *Singapore Stories*, a floral depiction of the many tales and legends surrounding Singapore, and a special SG50 edition of the music and light show, *Garden Rhapsody*. Admission prices to the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest will be halved, while Singaporean seniors aged 60 and above enjoy free entry. 18 Marina Gardens Drive.

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Swing by **Hublot**'s pop-up store at Ngee Ann City to check out the Singapore-exclusive watch – the "Red Dot" Bang. If you're looking for something truly special, the timepiece comes in a yellow gold case and is limited to 10 pieces. The emporium will be something to marvel at – besides being the largest store (albeit temporary) worldwide, the space also features a Lucha Libre Mexican wrestling ring and a luxe accessory bar. Till 26 August.



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Give yourself a long weekend and kick it off with a visit to **Halia** for a taste of one of its Orchid Tea-infused desserts and beverages, part of a special-edition menu available till 31 Aug only. Sample Ginger & Gold Orchid, featuring Ice "Kachang" Gold Orchid Tea granite with yuzu gel, lychee fruit and jelly ($12++) or sip on Yam Seng, a cocktail of Sailor Jerry spiced rum, Red Orchid Tea, lemon juice and grenadine ($23++). 1 Cluny Road, Singapore Botanic Gardens.

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going local

Catch Lush 99.5 FM's All Day All Local takeover on 8 and 9 August, featuring originals as well as covers by Singapore acts including The Sam Willows, .gif and Pleasantry. Weish from .gif and Samantha Teng from Pleasantry tell us more.

What local song did you cover, and why did you choose that?

Weish *The Girl From Katong*, by Serenaide. It's one of our favourite songs of all time, and makes us really proud to be Singaporean. We feel it's ripe with sweet nostalgia, and evokes such simple, genuine emotion. It's a true classic.

Samantha Teng It wasn't hard to decide: *Runaway* by Electrico was the first song to come to mind. The song is such an earworm, the catchy main guitar riff and that chorus melody! It's one that's close to our hearts.

It's tough being a musician in Singapore. What satisfaction do you get?

W Immense satisfaction. To be really honest, all it takes is for someone to write or speak to us about how our music resonates with them for us to feel wholly satisfied. After some time, we realised that just making one connection with one other person is enough to justify all the work we put in.

ST We don't always get a pat on the back for what we've chosen to do... Music will always be around, and as long as we can use it to tell our stories in a special way that we can call our own...we will keep on keeping on.

How do you feel local music has evolved?

W Obviously, the scene has seen a very heartening growth in recent years.

ST From my personal observation, the evolution of the local music scene is driven by a chain reaction of people inspiring people. It's quite akin to how we were inspired by Singaporean bands.

Which local singers/bands inspire you?

W TAJ, Amateur Takes Control, Octover, B-Quartet, Plainsunset, Anechois, Charlie Lim and The Mothership, The Psalms, The Analog Girl, The Steve McQueens, Pleasantry... we could go on forever.

ST Electrico, Caracal, Plainsunset, The Observatory, I am David Sparkle, just to name a few.



BOX OFFICE

MR HOLMES

WHAT In his final days, Sherlock Holmes returns to solve a case with help from his housekeeper's son.
WHO Ian McKellen, Laura Linney, Hiroyuki Sanada
WHEN 13 August



RICKI AND THE FLASH

WHAT An ageing rock star tries to connect with her estranged kids.
WHO Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, Mamie Gummer, Rick Springfield
WHEN 13 August

SINISTER 2

WHAT Horror ensues when a young mother and her two sons move into a cursed house.
WHO Shannyn Sossamon, James Ransone, Tate Ellington
WHEN 20 August



GIGS THIS MONTH



ECHOSMITH

After the worldwide success of *Cool Kids*, the Sierota siblings are here to bring you a night of upbeat pop music.
VENUE The Coliseum, Hard Rock Hotel Singapore, Resorts World Sentosa
DATE 11 August
TICKETS From $78, Sistic.

KODALINE & SPECIAL GUESTS SHEPPARD

The Irish band will perform its hits including *All I Want* and *High Hopes*. Australian indie-pop band Sheppard supports.
VENUE Scape Playspace
DATE 13 August
TICKETS From $108, Sistic.





IMAGINE DRAGONS' SMOKE + MIRRORS TOUR "LIVE"

With international hits including *Top of the World*, *Demons* and the Grammy Award winner *Radioactive*, the American alt-rock band is back with material from its new album.
VENUE Singapore Indoor Stadium
DATE 25 August
TICKETS From $98, www.sportshubtix.sg



THE ELLE LUSH LIST

Had your indie music fix for the day? Be inspired by Lush 99.5FM's Vanessa Fernandez, who says "I can't get enough of the indie music scene because there's always something different and unexpected that inspires me. As an artist, you seek that from music, more so than just an escape." Check out her top tracks for a lazy evening with friends.



- *Can't Keep Checking My Phone* by Unknown Mortal Orchestra
- *Juvenile* by .gif
- *No Other Way* by Sinead Harnett
- *The Message* by Kamasi Washington
- *Let Love Be* by Brandon Williams



CULTURE VULTURE

Arts and entertainment events you can't miss.

guys and dolls

The musical tells the story of small-time gambler Nathan Detroit and his bet with garage owner Sky Masterson, who falls in love with "mission doll" Sarah Brown. Enjoy captivating classics such as *Luck be a Lady* and the hilarious *Adelaide's Lament*. Sands Theatre, MasterCard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands from 28 August. Tickets from $65, Sistic.



promise - jazz on strings

Originally created to put a twist on the traditional sound of strings, this group – a classical string quartet and a jazz guitar trio – offers a combination of jazz and classical music styles. Esplanade Recital Studio on 11 & 12 August. Tickets from $38, Sistic.

benjamin britten's the turn of the screw

New Opera Singapore brings you a contemporary take on Benjamin Britten's powerful 20th-century opera. Things take a turn when a governess caring for two young children at a stately home finds herself caught between her passions and society's expectations. Victoria Theatre from 31 July - 2 August. Tickets from $25, Sistic.

one united *people*

The month of June saw Singapore showing much heart as her people came together as a nation to *honour our youth*. By Michelle Bong

Recently, Singapore's youth dominated the news for two very different reasons — both of which brought no small amount of smiles as well as tears.

At the 28th South East Asian (SEA) Games, which Singapore had the privilege of hosting for the fourth time (and in our Golden Jubilee year, too), our athletes did not disappoint. Team Singapore broke 25 SEA Games records, 29 national records and 74 personal records for a historic SEA Games showing.

Our young athletes blazed the most trails to glory. On the court, the women's netball team grabbed top honours after a nail-biting match against Malaysia. Our women's air rifle team scooped several golds, as did our athletes in shooting, fencing and gymnastics.

In the water, swimmers Joseph Schooling and Tao Li (dubbed "Madame Butterfly" for her pet swim stroke) elicited deafening screams as they stormed their way to gold medals, while our synchronised swimmers, canoeists and sailors did well, too.

Personal records were sent tumbling as new bests were set, and it was Singapore's best SEA Games outing yet. More importantly, scores of Singaporeans, young and old, were vociferous in their support in front of the telly and at various sporting venues. The country rallied to celebrate these achievements, and a job well done.

In the same way, Singaporeans also rallied to mourn the young lives snuffed out during an annual student leadership trip to Mount Kinabalu. In the aftermath of an unexpected 6.0-magnitude earthquake, seven students from Tanjong Katong Primary School (TKPS), their two teachers and the adventure guide who accompanied them lost their lives.

As families of the deceased struggled with inconsolable grief, tears flowed and hearts were heavy all across the island.

Monday, 8 June, was a Day of National Remembrance, with flags on all government buildings at half-mast. A minute of silence was observed at all SEA Games venues. Some SEA Games athletes also made their way to funeral wakes to pay their last respects.

Similarly, Singaporeans headed to the tribute corner of TKPS to leave notes and flowers in farewell, while others joined the outpouring of grief on social media platforms, alongside ministers and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

This country will go through more trials by fire in the future, which will test our resilience in the face of pressures and problems.

These scenes touched me greatly. Perhaps we're seeing a little more of that *kampung* spirit that's often been declared non-existent. In the same way we come together to cheer, we also gather to mourn. I was reminded of the similar response to the death of Singapore's founding father, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, this March, when we braved the heat and the rain to bid him farewell.

These displays are especially poignant in view of how we pledge, ever more, to be "one united people". This country will go through more trials by fire in the future, which will test our resilience in the face of pressures and problems. But fittingly, as we mark 50 years of independence, it feels like we're poised to overcome more uncertainties, together. And no matter what lies ahead, we will be fine. ELLE

Drink to good health

Let your skin soak up the goodness that black tea has to offer, day and night.





We drink tea so often without realising its many benefits — the leaves are packed with antioxidants that do our health, well-being and even our complexion a world of good. Fresh has harnessed these exceptional healing and beautifying powers in its Black Tea skincare line, so you can reap the best of this ancient remedy.

To optimally experience its restorative capabilities, try the intensive mask duo — the Black Tea Firming Overnight Mask and Black Tea Instant Perfecting Mask — from the range.

All in the Leaf

Tea has a rich history and a deep significance for Fresh because of its founders' Russian heritage. The brand is obsessed with black tea because of its high levels of antioxidants and astonishing skin benefits. The secret to its Black Tea masks is a proprietary Black Tea complex that targets ageing concerns → a potent blend of powerhouse ingredients including kombucha, black tea extract, blackberry leaf extract and lychee seed extract that work together to inhibit damaging free radicals while improving skin's elasticity, radiance and smoothness.

Power of Two

The new Black Tea Firming Overnight Mask has a corset-like, firming effect on the skin. Designed for use while you sleep, it works with skin's natural nighttime recovery process and boasts a slow-release formula that is best used over seven consecutive hours. It contains *belle de nuit* — known as nature's nocturnal flower because it blooms at nightfall and closes up at dawn — which soothes and rebalances the skin, helping it recover from environmental stressors encountered during the day.

This overnight treatment perfectly complements Fresh's award-winning Black Tea Instant Perfecting Mask, a 10-minute treatment that's ideal as the first step of your daytime skincare ritual. Enriched with black tea ferment, lychee seed extract and jicama root juice, it's proven to continuously moisturise skin for six hours. The result? Skin glows and makeup stays on longer, so you look gorgeous all day.

TEA TIME WITH FRESH

Discover the art of tea from a Tea Master and learn all about pairing desserts with tea during the session. You will also be treated to a Fresh Favorites goodie bag.

DATE **5 September 2015, Saturday**

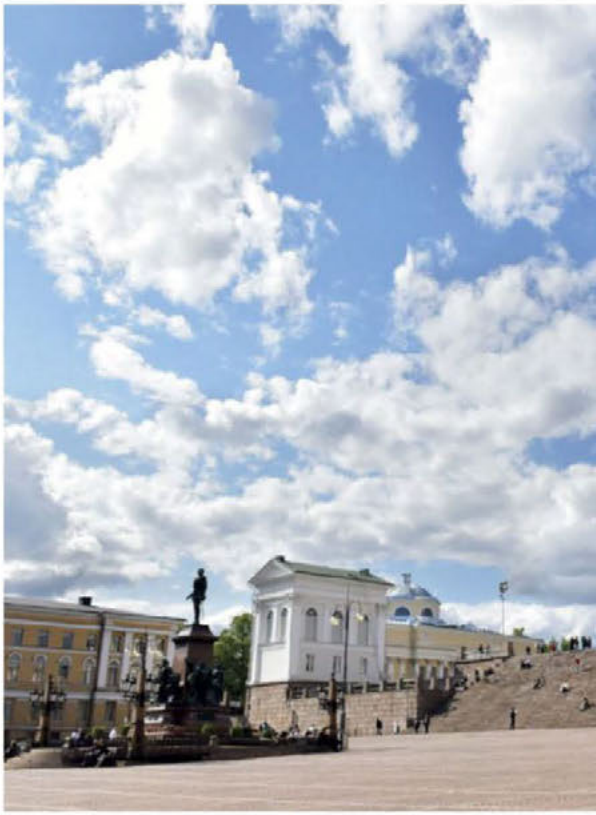
TIME **11am - 12.30pm** (Session 1)
2pm - 3.30pm (Session 2)
4pm - 5.30pm (Session 3)

VENUE **Fresh boutique, #B3-46 Ion Orchard**

RSVP at enquiries.sg@fresh.com by 20 August 2015. Admission is free. Limited seats, selected participants will be notified.

ART DIRECTION **LINDY TAY** PHOTOGRAPHY **EALBERT HO**





Shoot for freedom

Take your travel photography game up several levels with the Nikon D5500. We put the camera to the test in Europe.

Let's be honest, when mobile phones promise to capture images as beautifully as any camera, it does make us tempted to leave the extra gadgets at home. But if we were to be really honest, there's always a sense of regret that we didn't carry that "spare" camera — built specifically to produce quality images, instead of being an all-rounder device. The new Nikon D5500 is one such camera you'll regret not taking along with you.

If there's ever a reason to invest in a DSLR, it's when you plan to travel. The D5500 is extremely light and is as compact as it gets for a DSLR. No matter how long you walk about, it's hardly a burden, especially when you can easily fit it into any sling bag or backpack — whichever your travel bag of choice.

The lens you choose for the D5500 body does make a difference to the kind of photography you intend to experiment with on your travels. The AF-S DX NIKKOR 18-55mm f3.5-5.6G VR II kit lens is definitely



Zoom in with the Nikkor 18-140mm to shoot details like this pipe organ at Temppeliaukio, also known as the Rock Church in Helsinki.



a smaller lens which will help reduce the size of the camera load, but when it comes to versatility, the AF-S DX NIKKOR 18-140mm f/3.5-5.6G ED VR lens wins hands down. The first lens is perfect for wide-angled landscape photos and group photos with family and friends. But when you require greater zoom — for street photos you wish to take from afar without disrupting the locals going about their day, or to capture the action of public performances as





The D5500 captures well-balanced images so that dramatic landscapes — like that of countryside Bulgaria (far left), and the skies providing an exceptional backdrop for Helsinki Cathedral (left) — are evenly toned and highlights are not blown out.

you're watching from a distance — the 18-140mm is your lens.

When you're first starting out with a DSLR, our recommendation is to avoid the Auto function, as tempting as it is, and go instead for the Scene modes. The scenes available cover a variety of conditions and situations from food photography to sunsets to pet photography. We found this to be the easiest way to kick-start your DSLR journey when your main objective is to capture a moment quickly without fumbling with manual settings. Images produced always have a beautiful colour tone and little adjustment is required for post-editing.

For even more flexibility, the D5500 has a flip touchscreen LCD display, which allows you to shoot from different angles — and in our case, shooting above the heads of other spectators while watching a street parade (pictured above).

Add in-built GPS to help you identify and tag your photos, and in-built wi-fi to share photos with others via the Wireless Mobile Utility app, and you have a winner of a camera.



St. Panteleimon church in Hissar, Bulgaria.





Whether you're exploring Suomenlinna fort off Helsinki (above), or shooting local buskers (left), the D5500 has all the right easy-to-find settings for the occasion.



Photography by Stacey Anne Rodrigues & Vanessa Chia. All images were taken with the Nikon D5500.

The Nikon D5500 is only available in black with AF-S DX NIKKOR 18-55mm f3.5-5.6G VR II kit set and AF-S DX NIKKOR 18-140mm f/3.5-5.6G ED VR kit set. For more information, head to www.nikon.com.sg

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ELLE FRONTROW



ONCE UPON A TIME

With the turn of the season, it's also time to swap carefree bohemia for a folkloric mood.

PHOTO **VALENTINO**

SMEAR IT



MARC JACOBS BEAUTY *Highliner Gel Eye Crayon in Navy Noir, $36.*



MAKE UP FOR EVER *Aqua Matic in M-11 Matte Black, $35.*



CLIO *Gelpresso Waterproof Pencil Gel Liner in No. 16 Black Brick, $18.90.*


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KEY TREND

neo-victorian

Romantic lace and ruffles mixed with just the right amount of Goth attitude – *a dark romance* so perfect, even the Queen would approve.


OSCAR DE LA RENTA


VIVIENNE TAM


ALBERTA FERRETTI


ZIMMERMANN


KAREN WALKER


NO. 21


GIVENCHY BY RICCARDO TISCI

TEXT **GRACIA PHANG** PHOTOS **IMAXTREE**


VALENTINO


ALEXANDER MCQUEEN


ALTUZARRA

THE FASHION EDITOR DECONSTRUCTS

victoriana

The 19th-century era meets *the dark side*.

After Summer's bohemian outing filled with Woodstock-appropriate white lace and crochet, and a field filled with bucket bags and lace-up sandals, it feels appropriate that we have taken on a more sombre mood as we head towards Fall.

Designers drew on romantic notions of the Victorian era. It's a heady mix of velvets, sheer panels, lace, high collars, long sleeves — chaste silhouettes with a strong sensuality.

Alexander Wang got the ball rolling at New York Fashion Week with a combination of neo-Victorian, goth and punk influences. Riccardo Tisci's Givenchy collection flaunted an ingenious dash of Mexican girl gang attitude and faces covered in jewellery. Valentino's folkloric frocks were romantic and demure — in barely there tulle. Sarah Burton's poetic Alexander McQueen show was strong and fragile, all at once.

How do you echo these runway ideas in an everyday context? Pair an elegant, ruffled high collar with slashed leather pants. A floor-sweeping gown with a nose ring. It could even be as simple as pairing lace and leather. ELLE


Silk-lace dress with crystal embellishments, by **BOTTEGA VENETA**.


Lace, wool-and-silk-blend dress, $5,107, by **VALENTINO** *from Net-a-porter.com.*


Fetish lace-up bootie, $1,970, by **SAINT LAURENT**.


Betty loafer, by **COACH**.


Crystal choker, by **SHOUROUK** *from On Pedder.*


Leather and lace bra, by **ALEXANDER MCQUEEN**.


Dot hoop earrings, by **CÉLINE**.


Guipure-lace blouse $3,296, by **OSCAR DE LA RENTA** *from Matchesfashion.com.*

Lace dress, by **BURBERRY PRORSUM**.


TOM FORD


ALEXANDER WANG


Silk-blend lace dress, by **ALEXANDER MCQUEEN**.

TEXT **DAPHNE CHEN-CORDEIRO** PHOTOS **IMAXTREE** PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPHY **MARK LEE**

TRACK THE TREND

face jewellery

Punk accessories inspired by *ancient traditions* make their high-fashion run.







Women from Berber, Beja and Bedouin tribes.

ethnic origins

Men from some Middle-Eastern and African tribes gift their wives nose rings that symbolise their families' wealth. In India, women prefer to have their noses pierced on the left side, as it is believed to boost fertility and lessen pain experienced during childbirth.

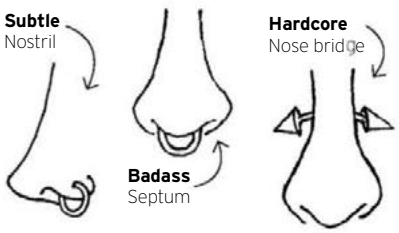


GIVENCHY BY RICCARDO TISCI



behind the bling

Riccardo Tisci took nose rings to a whole new level this Fall/Winter, drawing inspiration from Chola girls from Mexican-American gangs and the Victorian era. The best part? They can be worn without any piercings.



know the difference

The various nose piercings you need to know before heading to your nearest body art shop.

@kendalljenner



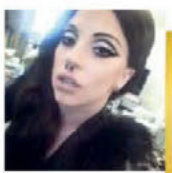


@zoeisabellakravitz

#gram it

Real or fake, these nose rings are celeb-approved.

@fkatwigs





@ladygaga



ACNE STUDIOS



MANISH ARORA

walking the runway

Nose jewellery reigned supreme on the Fall/Winter 2015 runways.

TEXT **GWENDOLYN LEE** IMAGES **IMAXTREE** & **INSTAGRAM**

WISH LIST

ruffled up

Unapologetically *bold and defined*, these frills will have you feeling like Beyoncé, not Barbie.



Baby Punk leather and tulle bag, by **SAINT LAURENT.**



Feather-print jersey dress, by **GIVENCHY BY RICCARDO TISCI.**



VALENTINO



Poplin shirt, by **MIU MIU.**



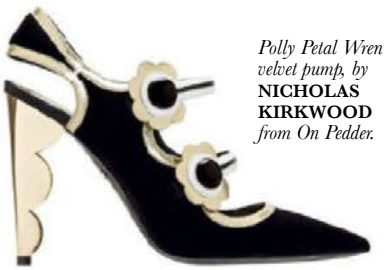
PVC necklace, by **MARY KATRANTZOU** *from Luisaviaroma.com.*



CHRISTOPHER KANE

Silk chiffon top, by **ALEXANDER MCQUEEN** *from Matchesfashion.com.*





Polly Petal Wren velvet pump, by **NICHOLAS KIRKWOOD** *from On Pedder.*



MICHAEL KORS



Greeny cotton dress, by **ISABEL MARANT** *from Matchesfashion.com*



Satin peep-toe pump, by **ALEXANDER MCQUEEN.**



ISABEL MARANT



Python-skin and leather bag, by **MIU MIU.**

TEXT & STYLING **GRACIA PHANG** IMAGES **IMAXTREE**



(From left) Assoluto ring in rose gold and rhodium-plated white gold with diamonds, $5,720, Accademia ring in rhodium-plated white gold and frosted rose gold with diamond, $3,420, and Riflesso ring in rhodium-plated white gold with diamonds, $3,030, all by **POMELLATO**. *Niessing Colette ring in white gold with diamond, Serafini ring in white gold with diamonds, Niessing Colette ring in yellow gold with diamond, and Serafini ring in rose gold with diamonds, all by* **LEE HWA JEWELLERY**.

LUST LIST

stacked rings

Why wear one when you can layer on the *prettiness*?

It's true: Jewellery feels more precious when it holds a sentimental meaning. Whether it's a gift from someone or for yourself, a celebration of a birthday or a new chapter in life, one of the loveliest ways to commemorate that memory is with a ring. It's even better when these rings are worn daily and work with your entire wardrobe.

Wearing yellow, pink and white gold together looks incredibly current; include diamonds and precious stones (like birthstones of your loved ones) into the combination, too. Whether you stick to one brand or mix them with granny's antique rings, it's all about experimenting and finding your perfect mix. ELLE



Monogram Idylle ring in yellow, pink and white gold, $4,150, by **LOUIS VUITTON**.



Bee My Love rings in pink and white gold, with diamond pavé, $1,210 to $6,150, by **CHAUMET**.



Perlée variation rings in pink gold, yellow gold and white gold with carnelian and turquoise, $3,000 to $4,150, by **VAN CLEEF & ARPELS**.

PAIR THEM WITH

TULLE SKIRTS



TEXT **DAPHNE CHEN-CORDEIRO** ART DIRECTION **DANNII CHOO** PHOTOGRAPHY **MARK LEE**

BEAUTY RADAR

candy girl

Eyes get *bold and colourful* while lips pop for a fun look.

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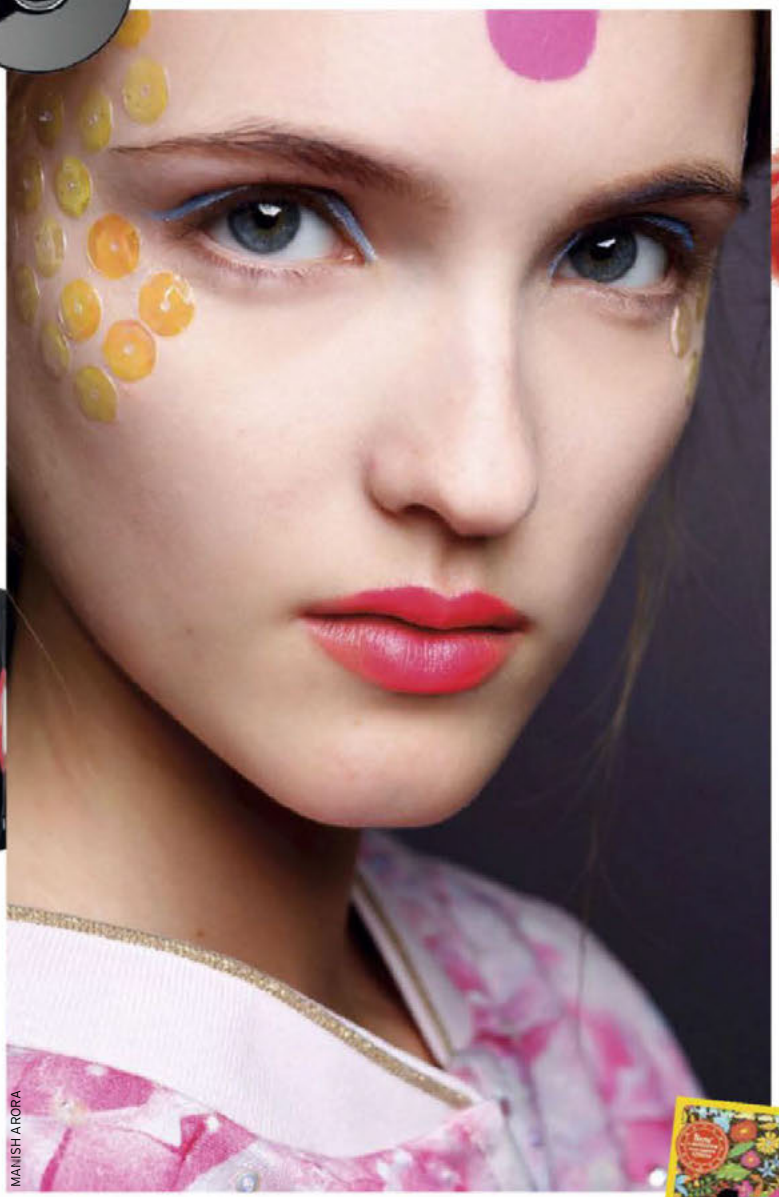


A burnt-orange hue like the Chanel Illusion D'Ombre in 116 Rouge Gorge, $52, on the lids makes for a subtle yet somewhat striking hue. Too shy? Opt for a lick of colour by lining the eyes for definition instead.



2

Get creative with the Make Up For Ever Artist Shadows Palette 2, $69. With nine shades, you can mix and match, and experiment to achieve any desired look.



MANISH ARORA



3

Lips and cheeks get a rosy flush with a light dab of Majolica Majorca Blood On, $17.90. To increase the intensity, layer on the colour.



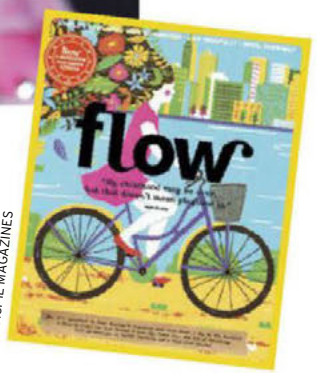
Bag bug, by **FENDI**.

5

Keep things fun with a quirky accessory.

4

Relax with a copy of *Flow*, a magazine that reminds you to always see the fun in everything you do.



MAGPIE MAGAZINES

PHOTOS **IMAXTREE**


TOM FORD


JOHN RICHMOND


YOHJI YAMAMOTO


BETSEY JOHNSON


ROCHAS


CUSHNIE ET OCHS

BEAUTY TREND

black out

Eyes get the *rock 'n' roll* treatment with lashings of mascara and smudged-out liner.

THESE ORIGINAL BAD GIRLS ROCK THE LOOK


Kate Moss


Françoise Hardy


Kristen Stewart


SOTHYS *Universal Black Eye Pencil, $49.*


SEPHORA *Outrageous Volume Dramatic Volume Mascara, $12.*


MAKE UP FOR EVER *Smoky Stretch Mascara, $42.*


TARTE *Lights, Camera, Lashes Close Up Lash Liner, $28.*


CHARLOTTE TILBURY *Rock 'N' Kohl Iconic Liquid Eye Pencil.*


EYEKO *Rock Out & Lash Out Mascara.*

OTHER ACCESSORIES


CHARLOTTE TILBURY *Luxury Palette in Fallen Angel, from Net-a-porter.com.*


M.A.C *Fast Response Eye Cream, $58.*


BARE MINERALS *Gorgeous Glide Liner Brush, $36.*

TEXT **RENÉE BATCHELOR** PHOTOS **MARK LEE, IMAXTREE** & **TPG/CLICK PHOTOS**

10 RULES OF STYLE

sarah rutson

Meet Net-a-Porter's VP of global buying, who Anna Dello Russo calls *the magician of fashion*, because of her chameleon-like wardrobe.



1 SHOPPING ONLINE IS LIKE... going into a store but without the headache. I like trying things on at home, with the right lingerie and my entire wardrobe so I know what I can pair it with. **2 THE ONE THING I WILL NOT BUY ONLINE IS...** a house! **3 A NEW BRAND TO NOTICE IS...** a Ukrainian line called Vita Kin. It's all beautiful hand-done folkloric dresses. We literally got the order in as fast as we could. **4 MY MUST-HAVE INDULGENCE...** is an amazing pedicure. I always carry my favourite nail lacquer with me — it's from Deborah Lippmann and the colour is called Fashion. Funny that, isn't it? **5 ONE OF MY FAVOURITE DESIGNERS IS...** Simone Rocha, an extraordinary talent. **6 MY WARDROBE ESSENTIAL IS...** a Le Smoking jacket. I have 45 different ones, in blacks, whites, leather lapels, satin lapels — every variation. **7 WHEN I GET DRESSED EVERY MORNING...** I decide from the feet up. I'm a shoe girl, I love a heel — I *really* love a heel. I've lots of shoes on rotation, but I stick to a couple of bags, like my Givenchy Pandora. **8 MY MOST TREASURED POSSESSIONS...** are letters from my daughter. Whenever I go on buying trips, she would hide letters in my pockets and suitcase. Family to me is everything. Fundamentally, that keeps me grounded. **9 MY FAVOURITE BEAUTY PRODUCTS ARE FROM...** Sarah Chapman, who has an overnight facial oil that is to die for, and Dr Lancer, who is the facialist to Beyoncé, the Kardashians and Victoria Beckham. He's into scrubs and exfoliating every day. So am I. Every day. **10 WHEN I'M TRAVELLING, I WEAR...** cashmere and T-shirts from The Row and sneakers, either Golden Goose or my Adidas Stan Smiths. ELLE



Micro Pandora leather shoulder bag, by **GIVENCHY BY RICCARDO TISCI.**

THE ROW



Pump, by **GIANVITO ROSSI** *from Net-a-porter.com.*



SIMONE ROCHA



Le Smoking jacket, by **SAINT LAURENT.**

"I like my clothes to be chameleon-like because I travel for five weeks at a go," says Rutson. Here are some of her outfits while attending the Fall/Winter 2015 shows in Paris.







TEXT **DAPHNE CHEN-CORDEIRO** PHOTOS **IMAXTREE** & **TPG/CLICKPHOTOS**



Stan Smith sneaker, by **ADIDAS.**

THE RUTSON EQUATION



Brit

+



Sun-lover

+



Animal rescuer

+



Killer heels

+



Fresh pedicure

=



Sarah Rutson



SARAH CHAPMAN *Skinesis Overnight Facial.*



Heels, by **ALAÏA** *from Net-a-porter.com.*





Cult brand Vita Kin's embroidered dresses.

DETAILS

out of the box

Personalise your Louis Vuitton trunk with these playful Singapore-themed paintings this month.



LINEAGE
It's a rags-to-riches story that began when 14-year-old Louis Vuitton ran away from home, arrived in Paris and got an apprenticeship at a *malletier* (trunk-maker). The rest, as you know, is history.

LUGGAGE
The *maison* gets about 300 custom orders yearly. Fifth-generation descendant Patrick Louis Vuitton currently handles these special orders.

LABELS
Colourful vintage hotel stickers inspired these designs. Vuitton's grandson, Gaston-Louis Vuitton, was a compulsive label collector. After each voyage, he would carefully remove them from his trunk, amassing a collection of around 3,000.

Alzer trunk (size 60, paintings available on request), $10,900.

What better way to show your patriotism on your travels? Louis Vuitton's trunk-painting service was launched here recently (previously you had to head down to Paris), and artisans will be conducting "live" demonstrations at the Island Maison boutique from 3 to 16 August. Choose from six Singapore designs, of which three were co-developed with Sota (Singapore School of the Arts) students. Complimentary with the purchase of a trunk, these works highlight the *maison*'s ethos of elevating travel to an art. ELLE

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FASHION SPOTLIGHT

REESE'S PIECES

Look inside the *long-standing relationship* between Tiffany & Co. and Reese Witherspoon. By Gwendolyn Lee





Witherspoon and Amfitheatrof discuss jewellery for the Met Gala.



Reese Witherspoon exploring the Masterpieces F/W 2015 collection.

It should come as no surprise that Reese Witherspoon loves her Tiffany & Co. jewellery. The actress' on-screen friendship with the brand started in 2001, in her breakthrough role in *Legally Blonde* as Elle Woods, who was never seen without her Return to Tiffany heart-tag necklace.

Then, in 2002's *Sweet Home Alabama*, the rom-com's proposal scene at Tiffany & Co.'s New York flagship store set the bar for grand, romantic gestures.

Reese Witherspoon continued to be a fan as the brand introduced its first female design director, Francesca Amfitheatrof, in 2013. "I love everything Francesca does. Whether it's a party or a red carpet, she just knows what kind of piece is going to tell the story you want to tell," she says.

The feeling is mutual. Amfitheatrof says, "What makes Reese so great is that she is a mother, a professional, and it's always about what's next for her career. Not to mention she really loves jewellery."

The design director sat down with Witherspoon to help her pick out jewellery for the Blue Book Dinner and the Met Gala earlier this year. The actress also got to try on the Tiffany Masterpieces Fall/Winter 2015 collection, which will incidentally make its worldwide debut in Singapore in October.

A tribute to the sea, the Tiffany Blue Book 2015 collection is Amfitheatrof's first statement jewellery range for the brand. And of course, Witherspoon loves it. "I love this ocean theme. It's one of those things that you get emotional about. To know that these pieces will go into people's families and live there forever is really special," says Witherspoon. ELLE



Tiffany & Co. designs two high jewellery collections annually – the Blue Book collection launches in Spring and the Masterpieces range debuts in Fall, both featuring one-of-a-kind pieces in the most precious of gems.



Sweet Home Alabama (2002).

DETAILS

big bang theory

Fashion's first denim watch *breaks all horology conventions.*



Big Bang Jeans watch in stainless steel and red gold with diamonds, $43,800.

Fashion and *haute horlogerie* found common ground in 2013 when Hublot released the world's first denim timepiece, the Big Bang Jeans watch. Two years on, the statement piece receives a grunge makeover, featuring distressed denim on blue rubber straps and the dial. Titanium screws add androgynous appeal while diamonds on the red gold bezel bring opulence to the utilitarian fabric. Toeing the line between casual and luxe, this unusual timepiece will add an edge to your everyday ensemble. ELLE

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DESIGNER GENIUS

richard nicoll

For the creative director of British label Jack Wills, normcore is *not a bad word* at all. By Sharon Lim



You've had your own label, Richard Nicoll, since 2006; Spring/Summer 2015 was your last collection before you joined Jack Wills.
Richard Nicoll I like the idea of working for a brand with a more accessible price point, a younger attitude. It has been fun, but really challenging. It's much faster. And bigger: I have a team of 20 designers now, whereas with my label, there were two, including me.

You've also worked with Marc Jacobs at Louis Vuitton, Topshop and Fred Perry. What's your approach to design?
RN I approach my collections as an intensive classification, a wardrobing approach — almost like my version of a lifestyle approach. I suppose it's made me versatile and malleable to other consultancies, more so, maybe than other designers. So people approach me.

What's it like working with Jack Wills?
RN It's really refreshing to do this because I don't necessarily believe in the fashion industry right now. I feel like it's a bit lost and for me, doing something like this feels really authentic like its product — people buy it, people love it. Whereas with fashion, I feel like it's a bit, just a bit, pretentious. I think fashion's really interesting when it touches people's lives. Like it serves a purpose. I can't think of anyone who's doing that right now.

What's the Richard Nicoll take on Jack Wills?
RN Jack Wills is a lifestyle brand, so what it sells is a kind of normcore. You know it's not high fashion and actually that's what I appreciate about it — it sits outside of fashion and outside of trends. So I'm just trying to create pieces that are affordable and youthful, but well-made and would last more than a season.

Who is the Jack Wills girl?
RN She's adventurous, playful, cheeky, rebellious, irreverent, intelligent — and for me, it's an analogy. I don't think there is one Jack Wills girl. She's not a fashion slave, she understands quality and style, she's probably slightly conservative. But her personality shines through and the clothes are just sort of a canvas to her personality.

What is your definition of British style?
RN I think British style is a kind of collectivism, through the way people put pieces together. There isn't one style but I think what makes the British style British is probably its celebration of imperfection and a sense of authenticity. So it's uncontrived and a bit grungy, a bit messy, and a bit eccentric. ELLE

NORMCORE BRIT CHIC



Fit-and-flare dress.



Bib-shirting.



Cable-knit sweater.







"For Fall/Winter, I wanted to create the perfect Jack Wills back-to-college uniform, so I looked to all the Jack Wills British classics, plus sporty sweatshirt elements in jersey."

PHOTOS JACK WILLS

FASHION NEWS

bag to differ

The *chicest arm candy* to add to your collection now.



LOUIS VUITTON NANO BAGS

The fashion house's heritage handbags — The Speedy, Alma, Locket, Noé, Pallas, Turenne and W — have their own mini-mes, and retain the exact shape, construction, materials and stitching from the original.

DIANE VON FURSTENBERG SECRET AGENT TOTE

What seems to be a front compartment is actually a fully functional clutch that you can detach for a night out.





LOEWE BARCELONA BAG

The classic envelope shape is made modern with a unique triangular metal-and-calf-leather closure.



FITNESS FIRST

Staying fit never looked so good. **Tory Burch** collaborates with sports-tech label Fitbit to create the Fitbit Flex Fret Double-wrap bracelet. The fitness-tracker measures performance, like your distance travelled and calories burnt. With a sophisticated leather strap and Tory Burch's signature open fretwork design, this is a bracelet that will look great, both on the tracks or while about town.



sicilian summers

Dolce & Gabbana's Maiolica collection draws its inspiration from *maiolica*, white tin-glazed pottery from the Italian Renaissance. Traditionally, historical figures and events are painted on the white ceramic plates, dishes and tiles in bright colours and this Italian custom has been translated into intricate patterns on bags and shoes.



fresh faces

Here's what to expect the next time you shop at Ion Orchard, as the mega mall welcomes new luxury labels and existing tenants freshen up their look.

1 TIFFANY & CO.

The jeweller sets up shop with a street-fronting duplex store that will add a dash of Tiffany blue to Orchard Road.

2 DIOR

There will be an extended VIP area for *haute couture* and fine jewellery collections, and a personal stylist on hand.

3 MONCLER

The new boutique is the French-Italian brand's first foray into South-east Asia. Jet-setters will love the wide range of sportswear.

TEXT GWENDOLYN LEE



Manifesto



Dr Martens



Max Tan

new mall alert

Where to spend your dough at the new Capitol Piazza.

If you're a fan of prints and colours... MARIMEKKO
The Finnish label has finally arrived in Singapore! Shop the full range of products, from homeware to apparel, in Marimekko's iconic, kitschy prints.

If you're looking for a pair of jeans... G STAR RAW
This outlet is the denim brand's biggest store in Asia Pacific, so expect a wide range of its classic denim jeans, apparel and accessories.

If you've got rocker roots... DR MARTENS
In its third local boutique, Dr Martens celebrates its strong ties with music with a fully functional in-store stage. Shopping will definitely be a rocking good time.

If you support local fashion... MAX TAN
Five years after the launch of this home-grown label, Max Tan finally opens the doors to its first standalone boutique, stocking it with androgynous-cool pieces.

If you like to have everything in one place... MANIFESTO
The multi-label store stocks under-the-radar and hard-to-find brands from around the globe, including Costume National and Christophe Lemaire.



NEW DIRECTION

Spain's Pepe Torres is set to assume the role of **Bonia**'s creative director. While his name may not be familiar, Torres has had experience working with renowned labels like Burberry and Carolina Herrera. We can't wait to see what he will inject into Bonia's Asian heritage and designs.



CALENDAR GIRL

In celebration of Singapore's 50th birthday, ELLE and Ion Orchard have collaborated on a 2015 calendar — which came with the January issue — and features our city's most established models. Each month, we will speak to one of the models via text messaging — and we catch up with Serena Adsit for August.

Hi Serena! What are your plans for the day?
Serena Adsit Hi! I'm in Singapore reflecting on the summer solstice. My routine consists of a morning school run to drop off my son, yoga and work at the office.
What did you have for breakfast?
SA I start my day with a glass of warm water, followed by an Ayurvedic recipe of ghee, honey and black pepper. Then, I have a plate of mixed fruit and a cup of coffee.
Let's talk emojis! Which do you use most often?
SA It would be a toss between 😃 and ❤️. I choose to focus on what makes me happy. If we can find the beauty and perfection in every situation, we will always be in a state of joy and love.
How about some tips you'd give to a model who's starting out?
SA Take the advice of those who have the experience and the know-how.
What are you up to these days?
SA I still work in my model agency on a day-to-day basis but most people won't know that I'm training to be an energy worker: Using energy to assist people in the healing of their own emotional, mental and physical issues with Reiki, Quantum Touch and other energetic modalities. Helping others should be fundamental in one's life. ELLE



BEAUTY Q&A

seoul struck

K-drama queen and L'Oréal Professionnel ambassador, Yoon Eun Hye, dishes her secrets to *picture-perfect* skin and hair. By Gwendolyn Lee



From cutesy curls for *Princess Hours* to a cropped 'do for *Coffee Prince*, Yoon Eun Hye has gone through more hair transformations than most K-pop stars. So it's no surprise that the actress is now the brand ambassador for L'Oréal Professionnel — and its first Asian face. She shares her thoughts on her new role and how to achieve that K-star glow.

How does it feel to be the ambassador for L'Oréal Professionnel?
EUN HYE I'm honoured and delighted to be on the same league as inspiring actresses like Kirsten Dunst and Eva Green.
What are your favourite hair products?
EH The Absolute Repair Lipidium line, because I have to perm and colour my hair a lot, and it has left my hair very damaged. I love carrying around my Mythic Oil so I can apply it whenever I have split ends. The Elnett Satin hairspray is also an essential for me because it creates a very natural look.
What was the craziest hairstyle you've ever had?
EH I was very nervous about cutting my hair short for *Coffee Prince* because before that, my hair was almost waist-length. But I'm happy that the look got such good reviews.
Any home remedies in hair maintenance?
EH I don't have time to treat my hair, so I usually apply a lot of hair products before showering and cover it all with a shower cap. After my first rinse, I usually mix a few drops of Mythic Oil in water and rinse my hair with that a second time.
What is the one beauty look you've always wanted to try?
EH Luckily, with my job, I get to try many looks. As I age, I want to try different looks to suit whatever age I am at.
If you can only use one product from your makeup stash for the rest of your life, what would it be?
EH A bright lipstick. It instantly brightens my complexion, so I won't need to apply a lot of makeup on the rest of my face.
What do you use to keep your complexion glowing?
EH I like to use facial oils because they nourish my skin — and I exfoliate once a week to rejuvenate the skin. ELLE

WHAT'S YOUR USUAL OFF-DUTY MAKEUP LOOK?

I keep things simple: When I emphasise my lips, I don't use eyeliner, and vice versa. I also like versatile cream-based products.

GOOD HAIR DAY

What Yoon Eun Hye uses to keep her hair silky-soft.



Absolut Repair Lipidium Instant Reconstructing Shampoo, $29.



Absolut Repair Lipidium Instant Reconstructing Conditioner, $22.



Mythic Oil Nourishing Oil, $29.



Absolut Repair Lipidium Sealing Repair, $29.



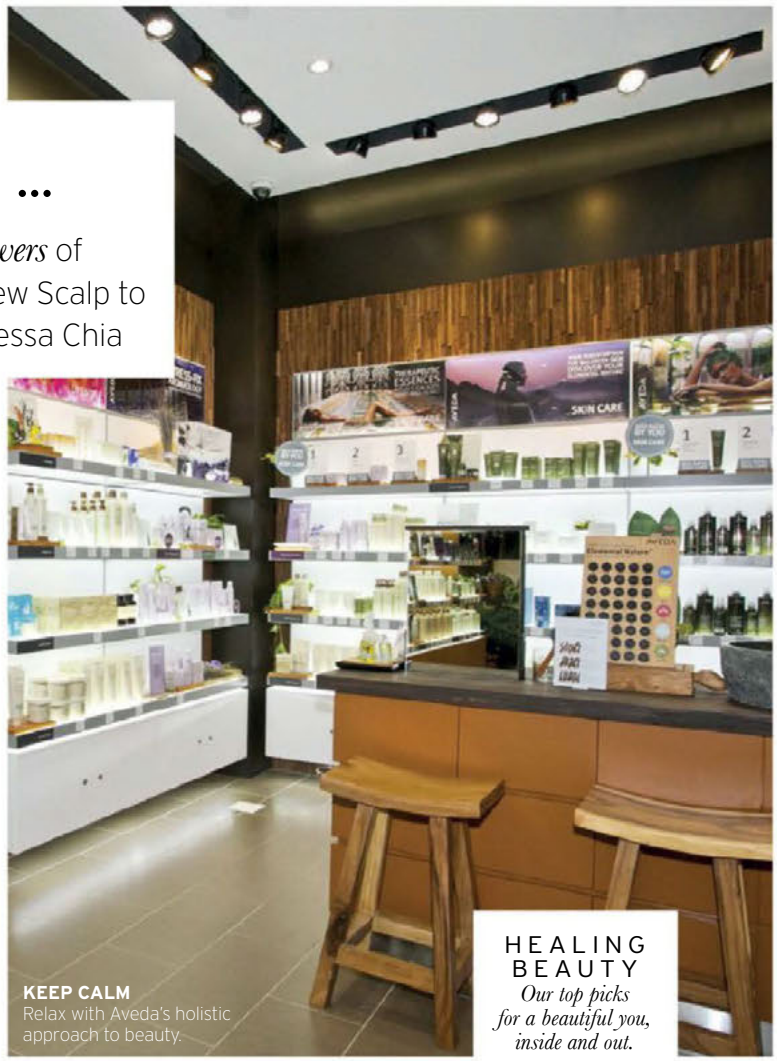
Absolut Repair Lipidium Instant Reconstructing Masque, $34.

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BEAUTY FOCUS

SAY OHM...

Be amazed by the *healing powers* of aromatherapy through Aveda's new Scalp to Soul Beauty Experience. By Vanessa Chia



KEEP CALM
Relax with Aveda's holistic approach to beauty.

Inspired by the ancient beliefs of Ayurveda and its focus on elemental nature, Aveda believes in holistic beauty when it comes to understanding your skin and hair.

The new Aveda flagship store at Capitol Piazza introduces a new Scalp to Soul Beauty Experience that showcases the brand's DNA and expertise to its best. And with all the stresses we've been facing in the office, we decided to try out this sensorial beauty journey.

Part 1: Elemental Nature Skincare Diagnosis and Skin-Balance Ritual
Your therapist, also known as an Aveda daymaker, will help customise a skincare regimen based on your elemental nature — fire, water, air, earth and infinity. Through a simple Q&A, she identifies any imbalances within that can manifest on the skin in the form of various skin problems like acne, dryness or even hyperpigmentation. You then pop into the spa cabin where you can try the products chosen for you. Your daymaker will share application tips and tricks that will maximise the benefits of the regimen.

Part 2: Aveda Aroma Sensory Journey
Marrying art and science, Aveda's Aromaology focuses on stimulating the senses emotionally and intellectually. After choosing a scent, you'll be pampered with an Aveda Stress-Relieving Hand Ritual or Aveda Stress-Relieving Head and Shoulder Ritual.

Part 3: Professional Hair and Scalp Diagnosis
Get a better understanding of your scalp and hair health here. You'll also be able to experiment with the different Aveda haircare and styling ranges at the dedicated styling station.

Part 4: Nutrition Tips and Breathing Method
Before you go, your daymaker will share some easy-to-follow tips to ensure that you stay healthy and revitalised based on your elemental nature. With these, you'll be better equipped to face the challenges ahead. And don't we all need that? ELLE

HEALING BEAUTY

Our top picks for a beautiful you, inside and out.


Multi-Purpose Oil in Beautifying Composition, $52


Stress-Fix Body Crème, $89.


Botanical Kinetics Intensive Hydrating Soft Crème, $89.


Dry Remedy Daily Moisturizing Masque, $63.


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BEAUTY SPOTLIGHT

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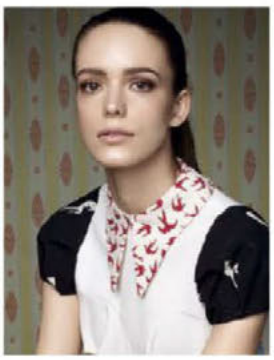
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nailing it

Chanel's got you covered for the perfect DIY manicure or pedicure. Start by removing old nail polish with Le Dissolvant Douceur, then prep nails with the La Base that not only strengthens nails but prevents the nail bed from turning yellow. After applying your favourite shade, seal it in with Le Top Coat for extra shine. Or, to mix things up, try Le Top Coat Velvet to give your polish a matte finish. From $20. At all Chanel counters.

BOTTLED YOUTH

Saying goodbye to your wrinkles just got easier. Packed with omega 3, lycopene, vitamin C and E to protect cells from oxidative stresses while boosting antioxidant levels within, the new Ioma Collagen Renew promises to keep you looking young for longer. $160 (bottle of 105 capsules). At Ioma counters.



NEW SKINCARE BRANDS YOU GOTTA KNOW...





EMK *Anti-Aging Face Serum.*

EMK Uses bio-identical plant placenta extract to help repair and renew cells while protecting against free radical damage for a radiant and youthful-looking you.

111SKIN Marrying science with beauty, this range uses a cocktail of active ingredients that includes NAC, vitamin C and escin that boosts the body's internal antioxidants to better fight against oxidative stresses and repair damages. The result is a youthful complexion.



111SKIN *Black Diamond Serum, $1,096.*

A MAN'S WORLD

Yes, he deserves the best, too.

Biotherm Homme celebrates its 30th anniversary with a limited-edition skincare product to help your man look his best. Simply dubbed Dose, the sets are available in the five key Biotherm Homme ranges – Aquapower, Total Recharge, Force Supreme, Age Fitness and T-Pur, and contain a range of products from cleansers to serums and creams for your man. From $58. At Biotherm counters.





If your guy is a fuss-free dude, the Kiehl's Body Fuel All-In-One Energizing Wash will be his new best friend. Enriched with caffeine, vitamin C, zinc and menthol, it easily removes excess grime, dirt and oil, leaving him feeling clean and fresh. Plus, it can be used on both hair and body, making it the perfect time-saver for busy men. From $39. At Kiehl's stores.



KAREN WALKER

BEAUTY BY NUMBERS



7,561km

The distance covered if we laid the total number of Sekkisei Lotion bottles sold in the past 30 years side by side. This distance would actually take you from Tokyo to Beijing to Taipei to Hong Kong to Bangkok to Kuala Lumpur and finally to Singapore.

48,070,000

To date, the iconic Kosé Sekkisei Lotion has sold more than 48 million bottles since its launch in 1985.

4,400 The number of Sekkisei bottles sold daily.

To maximise the effects of your Sekkisei Lotion, skincare guru Robin Niu shares this "wipe-pat-mask" trick.



STEP 1

After cleansing, pour the Sekkisei Lotion onto a thick cotton pad – enough to soak the cotton pad completely. Wipe the entire face with the cotton pad; this is a form of deep-cleansing for the skin.

STEP 2

Turn the cotton pad over and use it to pat all over the face. Do this at least 100 times.

STEP 3

Split the cotton pad into thinner sheets and place all over the face, especially on areas like the cheeks, forehead and chin, as a mask for five minutes. Remove and massage the excess product into the skin.

lippie doodle

Pucker up with these gorgeous lip crayons.



TARTE *LipSurgence Matte Lip Tint in Tempted, $36.*



BURT'S BEES *Lip Crayon in 429 Hawaiian Smolder, $21.*



LUNASOL *Sheer Shine Crayon Lips in EX01 Sheer Pink, $43.*



EXCLUSIVE
Luxe Immersion
WITH THE SHOPPES AT MARINA BAY SANDS AND ELLE



Working together with Asia's leading luxury fashion destination — The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, ELLE treated 30 readers to an immersive luxury fashion experience on 28 May 2015.

Since it opened in 2010, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands has amassed the largest collection of luxury labels under one roof. At the first instalment of Luxe Immersion with The Shoppes At Marina Bay Sands and ELLE, fashion stylist Furqan Saini dove deep into the forward-looking Maison Margiela brand and collection.

Guests were first treated to champagne before they were whisked to the Maison Margiela boutique in buggies. At the private session at Maison Margiela, Furqan shared its brand story and talked about the Spring/Summer 2015 Défilé collection; showing readers how to translate the gorgeous runway looks to their everyday wardrobe.

After the fashion showcase and workshop, Furqan and social media influencer Jessica Tham offered shopping advice to the participants for the rest of evening. Other than receiving exclusive shopping perks and goodies, the participants also enjoyed 3 per cent rewards on their purchases with a complimentary Sands Rewards LifeStyle membership, which they could redeem instantly at over 175 outlets, including shopping, dining, hotel-stay and entertainment perks at Marina Bay Sands.







LEFT: Lindsay Nicholas, Marina Bay Sands executive director of retail marketing. ABOVE: Stylist Furqan Saini, Lindsay Nicholas, social media influencer Jessica Tham and models.



ELLE readers at the event reception

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THE SHOPPES AT MARINA BAY Sands SINGAPORE

ELLE'S TAKE THIS MONTH ON THE HOTTEST TRENDS FROM THE FASHION CAPITALS

ELLE FASHION



THE ART OF AUGUST

Ring in the celebrations in style. Wear red, wear local designers — wear your heart on your sleeve.



DZOJCHEN

(From left) Jumpsuit and button-down top, both by **DZOJCHEN**. Leather jacket, deep V-necked top and high-waisted leather shorts, all by **DZOJCHEN**.



FLY THE FLAG

Rathi, Huda, May Yee and Fiona show us the importance of *wearing our hearts on our sleeves.*

photography BRENDAN ZHANG

styling FURQAN SAINI

EXHIBIT

(From left), Ruffled mesh dress, by **EXHIBIT**. Mesh top and gathered mesh peplum skirt, both by **EXHIBIT**, and cut-out *maillot*, by **OPENING CEREMONY** from Lula Rock.



MAX TAN

Fur top, by **MAX TAN**.
Wool skirt, by **COACH**.
Acetate and rayon
necklace, by **MARNI**.



IN GOOD COMPANY

Shearling fur vest, by **EMPORIO ARMANI**. Washed silk romper and necklace, both by **IN GOOD COMPANY**. Boots, by **CHARLES & KEITH**.

COLLATE THE LABEL

(From left) One-shouldered peplum dress, by **COLLATE THE LABEL**, and printed heels, by **CHARLES & KEITH**. Slip dress with side pleats, by **COLLATE THE LABEL**, and heels, by **CHARLES & KEITH**. Monochrome jumpsuit, by **COLLATE THE LABEL**.





ONG SHUNMUGAM

Panelled jumpsuit, by **ONG SHUNMUGAM**. Cuffs, by **STALE & CO**.

BEAUTY NOTE

Get a glowing complexion with a radiance-boosting base.



PAULINE.NING

Top with woven back and draped infinity skirt, both by **PAULINE. NING**. Leather and *faux* ostrich-skin booties, by **RAOUL**. Chunky rings, both by **GUCCI**.



KOONHOR

Leather-and-mesh shift dress, by **KOONHOR**. Leather belt, by **MARNI**.

ELOHIM BY SABRINA GOH

(From left) Neoprene mesh coat, by **ELOHIM BY SABRINA GOH**, lace shorts, by **GUCCI**, and heels, by **CHARLES & KEITH**. Zipped dress, by **ELOHIM BY SABRINA GOH**, and printed booties, by **CHARLES & KEITH**.

BEAUTY NOTE

For envy-worthy pins, put on a shimmer-infused lotion before heading out the door.





RAOUL

(From left) Bejewelled high-collared dress, by **RAOUL**, and leather belt, by **MARNI**. Bejewelled backless dress, by **RAOUL**.

styling assistance **SYAZA SYARAFINA** & **CHLOE KEH**
hair **RICK YANG**/FAC3INC using Bed Head by TIGI
makeup **CELESTINE SNG**/Two Lefthands & **CLARENCE LEE** using Dior
models **HUDA ALI**, **FIONA FUSSI**/Basic Models, **RATHI MENON** & **LUM MAY YEE**



A RED-LETTER DAY

Show your patriotic pride, like a fashion lover would, in these *bold scarlet shades*.

photography SOPHY HOLLAND

styling ANNA KATSANIS



(From left) Double-faced wool-crepe cape jacket and matching skirt, both by **DELPOZO**, shoes, by **CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN**, acetate and metal frames, by **PRADA**, leather Grace mini box bag, by **MARK CROSS**, and cotton socks, by **POLO RALPH LAUREN**. Double-faced wool flannel Turville jacket, by **ALTUZARRA**, velvet turtleneck, by **DELPOZO**, cotton pants, by **TOMMY HILFIGER**, suede knee-high boots, by **PAUL ANDREW**, and felt hat, by **EUGENIA KIM**. Wool biker jacket and wool sweater, both by **TOMMY HILFIGER**, double-faced wool flannel pants, by **ALTUZARRA**, brocade slingback shoes, by **DOLCE & GABBANA**, and felt fedora, by **EUGENIA KIM**.

photography assistance **MADDY TALIAS** & **ZACK FORSYTH**
styling assistance **GIULIA ASCIONE**
hair **ELSA**/Defacto using Oribe & HairArt
makeup **ROBERT GREENE**/Honey Artists using M.A.C
nails **MARIE BAROKAS**
models **CLAIR**/IMG, **SKYE**/Red, **LISA**/MC2
retouching **GLOSS POST PRODUCTION**
location **OCEAN VISTA RESORT**, courtesy of John



Wool coat, by **BOSS**. Suede knee-high boots, by **PAUL ANDREW**. Cloche hat with corded bow, by **EUGENIA KIM**.



(Clockwise from left) Wool and cotton coat, by **TOMMY HILFIGER**, crepe dress with chiffon pleated back, by **PRABAL GURUNG**, crystal-encrusted headphones, by **DOLCE & GABBANA**, and metal and glass stone necklace, by **CHANEL**. Coat and turtleneck, both by **ALEXANDER WANG**, and cotton pants, by **TOMMY HILFIGER**. Double-faced wool-crepe jacket, by **DELPOZO**, and embroidered tweed and tulle dress, by **SIMONE ROCHA**.



(From left) Spotted fur coat with belt, by **PROENZA SCHOULER**. Pressed wool sculpted jacket, by **MICHAEL KORS,** and silk necktie shirt, by **JASON WU**. Glimmer brocade convertible jacket and leather belt, both by **DONNA KARAN**.





Floral embroidered jacket, by **GIORGIO ARMANI**. Silk-crepe asymmetric pleated skirt, by **PRABAL GURUNG**. Leather shoes, by **GIORGIO ARMANI**. Calfskin belt, by **CHANEL**.



(From left) Fur dress, by **DOLCE & GABBANA**, felt equestrian cap, by **EUGENIA KIM**, and opaque tights, by **FALKE**. Printed silk georgette pleated dress with cape sleeves, by **GUCCI**, and felt fedora, by **EUGENIA KIM**.



(From left) Lace chemise embellished dress, by **DIANE VON FURSTENBERG**, suede pumps, by **CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN**, and cotton socks, by **POLO RALPH LAUREN**. Wool biker jacket, by **TOMMY HILFIGER**, silk gown, by **DIANE VON FURSTENBERG**, suede laser-cut sandals with mirage heels, by **CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN**, and single notch rings, both by **PROENZA SCHOULER**. Vamp gown with slit, by **DIANE VON FURSTENBERG**, and suede and brocade slingbacks, by **DOLCE & GABBANA**.



the wild child

Mrs Johnny Depp and *Magic Mike XXL* actress Amber Heard cosies up in ***Fall's fairytale frocks.***



Braided *devoré* dress, by **ALTUZARRA**. Silver-plated gold rings in enamel and diamonds (worn throughout), both by **FRED LEIGHTON**. Earrings (worn throughout), model's own.

photography LIZ COLLINS

styling SAMIRA NASR



BEAUTY NOTE

To complement a fresh and flawless complexion, add a bold lip colour to brighten the look.

Tulle dress, by **VALENTINO**.



Metallic jacquard dress, by **CHLOÉ**.



Silk and viscose dress, by **CÉLINE**. Rings (on left hand), model's own.



Printed silk dress, by **GUCCI**. Gold necklace with diamond pendant, by **VAN CLEEF & ARPELS**.



Faux fur coat, by **DRIES VAN NOTEN**. Vintage denim shorts, by **THE CASTINGS FOR ARITZIA**.

fashion assistance **YASHUA SIMMONS**
hair **TEDDY CHARLES**
makeup **LISA HOUGHTON**/Tim Howard Management using Dior
nails **GINA EDWARDS**/Kate Ryan Inc using Chanel Le Vernis
prop styling **VIKI RUTSCH**/Exposure NY
producer **WEI-LI WANG**/Brachfeld NY
model **AMBER HEARD**

jet set girls

Nicolas Ghesquière's first Pre-Fall collection for Louis Vuitton builds on his philosophy of *a cool girl's wardrobe* of grown-up classics. By Sharon Lim















THE GIRL UPSTAIRS: The looks in Louis Vuitton's Pre-Fall 2015 collection are shown in a photo essay, *Fifteen Girls Descending a Staircase*, shot by Juergen Teller.

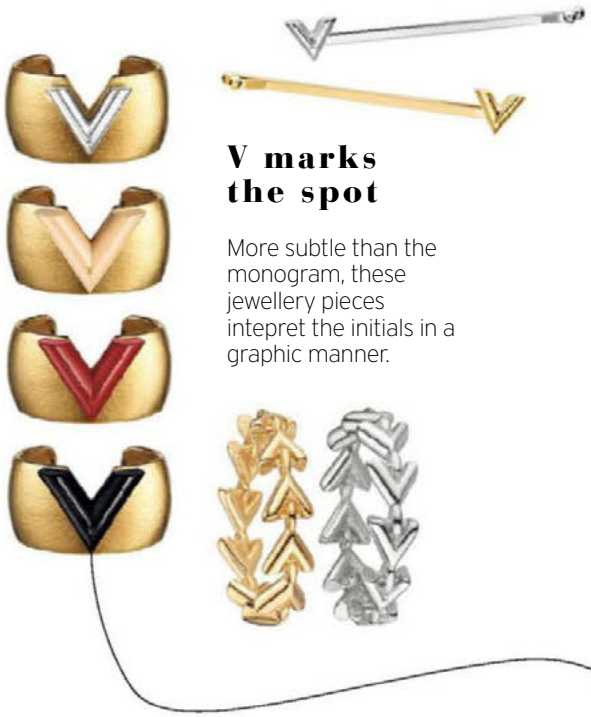
PHOTOS **LOUIS VUITTON**

In just three fashion seasons, Nicolas Ghesquière has transformed Louis Vuitton's fashion aesthetic, replacing Marc Jacobs' theatrical debutante-showgirl with a '70s-throwback cool girl in 2014 — and kick-starting fashion's current love affair with that decade.

In his first Pre-Fall collection for Louis Vuitton, he continues to work that same vibe. The new silhouette he established — lean, lanky and effortlessly cool (there's really no other way to describe it) — is the foundation on which you build a wardrobe of chic, mix-and-match pieces inspired by the idea of travel, which Ghesquière sees as integral to the house.

The slim, elongated A-line he introduced in his Fall/Winter 2014 debut still dominates, as well as blazers (with wide lapels), ribbed turtlenecks and flared jeans (with leather detailing and a prominent zipper pull). For Pre-Fall, he also added lightweight layers, from lightly padded down macs and dotted silk windbreakers to tweed jackets and a snug fur-lined bomber. Our faves — above-the-knee knit dresses and a polka-dotted trench — are chic, classic investment pieces perfect with practically any wardrobe.

On the runway, where newness is everything, Ghesquière's approach is unheard of. But with the increasing importance of pre-collections across the world, especially in Asia where investment pieces are coveted, "they're the biggest collections," says Michael Burke, chairman and CEO of Louis Vuitton. "They stay in the stores the longest and they generate the most sales."



V marks the spot

More subtle than the monogram, these jewellery pieces intepret the initials in a graphic manner.

"I want to build a wardrobe with the girls at Louis Vuitton. I can also be a great classic designer. I'm able to build something that is more timeless."

The other biggest change in the Ghesquière-era Louis Vuitton is in its handbags. Fall/Winter 2014's Petite Malle, the boxy clutch on a chain inspired by the Louis Vuitton trunk, was an instant hit, and Ghesquière has gone on to refresh the iconic Alma, among others, imbuing them with a '70s-style, casual-dressy vibe.

"I want to build a wardrobe with the girls at Louis Vuitton," he has said. "And if they invest in a skirt or a jacket or a dress, I make the promise not that it is never going to be completely *démodé*, or never out of fashion, but I make the commitment that I am never going to say, 'Haha, everything you thought was good three months ago is now for the garbage.'"

Ultimately, says the designer, "I can also be a great classic designer. I get older like everyone, and at 43, I want to think, okay, I have a signature, but I'm totally able to build something that is more timeless." ELLE



FINAL FLOURISH

Shoes, check. Classic bag, check. Above, the LV jet-set girl's finishing touches.













cos and effect

Conceptual clothing has never been this accessible (and wearable). By Ong Soh Chin

Since 2007, when its first boutique was opened on London's Regent Street, Swedish apparel brand COS has been the contemporary woman's secret style arsenal. Serving up affordable, classic pieces with understated urban twists, COS (Collection Of Style), quickly found a place in chic wardrobes around the world.

Today, as testament to its silent but sure domination of the global style arena, there are 118 COS stores worldwide, with 17 in Asia. True to its low-key sensibility, the brand does not advertise, nor do runway shows, preferring instead to publicise its collections via its website as well as two in-house publications a year. Marketing is done via sponsorship of art or design events, keeping in line with the brand's architectural aesthetic.

However, with the growing importance of Asia as a new market and the preference, especially in China, for runway presentations, the brand has acquiesced.

In March, its Fall/Winter 2015 menswear and womenswear collections made their international debut in Hong Kong on the Upper Deck of Central Ferry Pier 4, which overlooked the Victoria Harbour. The set, based on the theme of Urban Landscape, was conceptualised by leading Hong Kong architect Andre Fu, who designed an installation that embraced where COS sits within the context of modern Asia.

Pockets of green, set amid white boxes, edged steps and glass panels, complemented the 47-piece collection, inspired by the 1960s Japanese Mono-ha movement that emphasised the interaction between nature and industrial elements. Karin Gustaffson, head of COS womenswear design, said: "We liked it for its natural use of industrial materials and its sense of calm drama."

Models moved austerely, wearing pieces that elevated the architectural spirit of COS to a more conceptual level. Voluminous silhouettes made their presence felt, with monastic layers and drapes. This was contrasted with interesting cut-outs, and hardware such as metal clasps and toggles. This was softness with an edge, emphasised by a largely monochromatic palette with nature pops of dark green and ochre red.

While the mood was ascetic and sombre, with the models staring blankly as if suspended in a state of existential aspic, the twinkling night lights of Victoria Harbour behind them betrayed the desolate artifice.

Thus, the clothes, as coldly conceptual as they may be, come alive vividly in reality. ELLE



"It's a 100 per cent cotton poplin shirt that reinvents both the men's and women's shirt. It has a unisex rubber-coated zip, which eliminates the dilemma of deciding between a women's or men's button fastening."

— Karin Gustaffson on the Asia Limited Edition Unisex White Shirt, created to mark COS' collaboration with Hong Kong architect Andre Fu.



WHEN INSPIRATION STRIKES

Karin Gustaffson breaks down her favourite Fall/Winter 2015 looks.



Inspired by the kimono coat, *this is a longer silhouette with trousers layered underneath. The trousers are wide, almost to the point of looking like a skirt. The coat has a long belt, which can be worn like an obi. The cashmere collar offers softness and interesting movement.*



Inspired by the great outdoors *and, in particular, sports skiing and hiking. You can see the influence on the shoes. They are square-toed and heavy in proportion to the outfit, on which you can see the sports details in the use of the drawstring. In this look, there is a voluminous silhouette, but focused on the waist.*



Inspired by a sleeping bag. *The fabric is also interesting because it is a memory fabric. While the silhouette is once again oversized, the outfit does feature a dainty high waist, cinched by a small belt with a metal bar accent to give it that contrasting hardware feel.*

Q&A

We speak to the head of COS womenswear design.

Define the COS aesthetic.
Karin Gustaffson It's important that we have a sense of timelessness. While we do offer seasonal highlights, you can still always keep them and revisit them later. Above all, we are about functionality. Details should be there for a reason.
It's constantly compared to brands such as Jil Sander and Calvin Klein.
KG We tend to not compare ourselves to other brands. We see ourselves as our biggest competitors and we like to focus on setting the bar higher every season.
How has COS evolved or changed over the years?
KG We have a very strong DNA… from the very beginning. We have also always been into fabrics, finishes and new techniques… Really innovative tech solutions have only come into the market in recent years and that has informed the evolution of the brand. We have also recently set a direction in using modern art and architecture for inspiration.
How does each collection start?
KG Martin [*Andersson, COS menswear designer*] and I work together to set a direction. We collect things from the team and get inspiration from travels, film or art. Then we build stories. It's important to us that the collection comes from one source so we discuss a lot.
What are the iconic items that are present in every collection?
KG You will always find a white shirt. It can be understated or detailed; we like to reinvent it with each collection. You will also find a little black dress, chinos and T-shirts — all these are wardrobe staples.
Tell us about the collaboration with Andre Fu.
KG We had a similarity in mindset in his use of sustainable materials and his sense of timelessness. So it came naturally. It was interesting to see our garments interpreted in the context of his work. It also helps that he's said he likes what we do as well!





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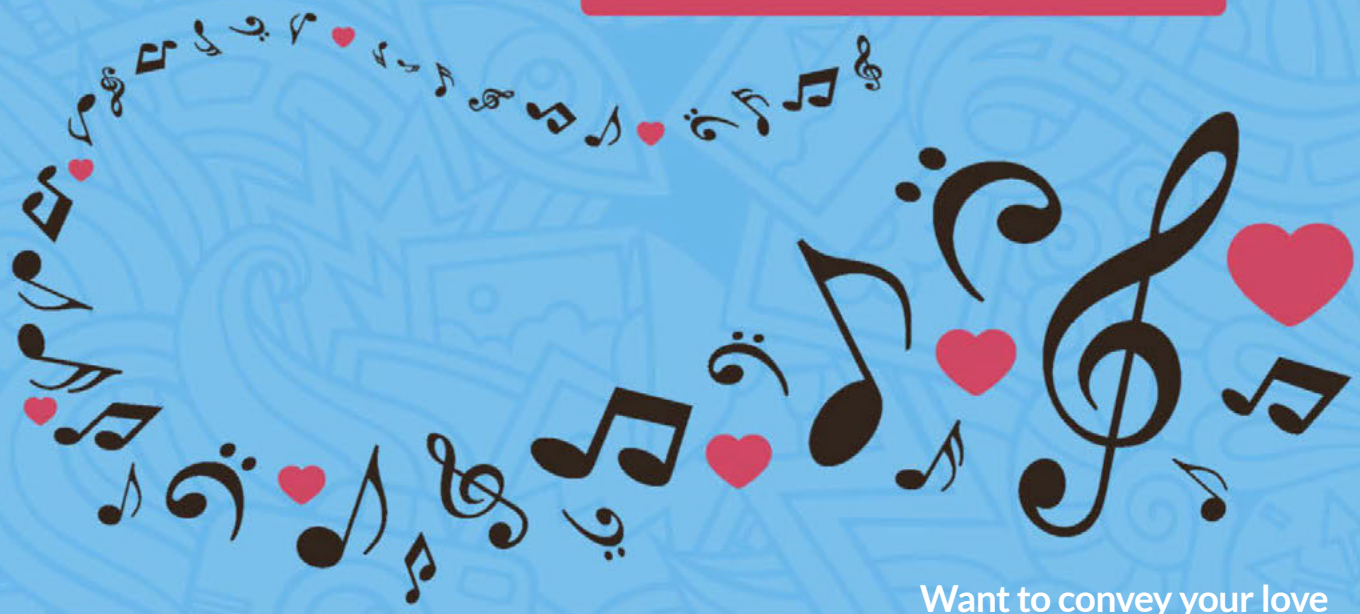
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BOY MEETS GIRL

Embrace tomboy dressing that can be both street and sophisticated. Then give it a ladylike twist with fringe earrings.

Knit wool sweater and matching wide-legged pants, both by **COS**. *Cotton shirt with bejewelled collar, $275, by* **TED BAKER**. *Lace-up booties, $59.90, by* **CHARLES & KEITH**. *Rings, $70 each, all by* **BANANA REPUBLIC**.

SNAKESKIN KICKS



Faux leather sneaker, $49.90, by **TOPSHOP**.

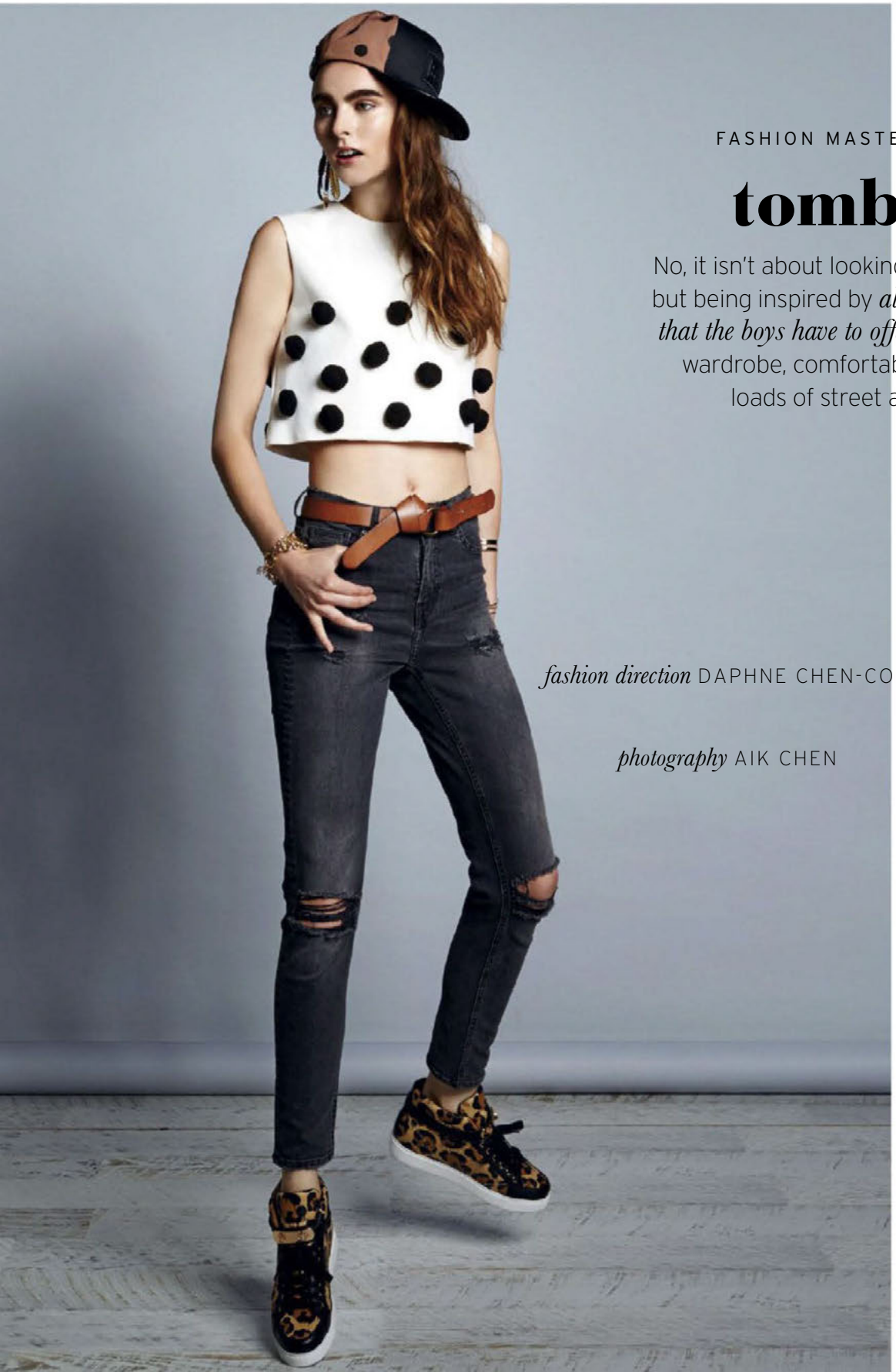


Leather trainer, $172.30, by **NEW BALANCE**, *from Asos.com*



Tilapia leather sneaker, $299, by **VEJA**.

TEXT **DAPHNE CHEN-CORDEIRO**. PHOTOGRAPHY **AIK CHEN**. STYLING **RANDOLPH TAN**. STYLING ASSISTANCE **GRACIA LEE** & **MONISHA KISHIN**. HAIR & MAKEUP **GREGO**, USING YSL COSMETICS & BEDHEAD. MODEL **ESTELLA B**/AVE



FASHION MASTERCLASS

tomboy

No, it isn't about looking androgynous but being inspired by *all the best things that the boys have to offer* – a modular wardrobe, comfortable style and loads of street attitude.

fashion direction DAPHNE CHEN-CORDEIRO

photography AIK CHEN

Cropped top with pom-poms, by **EXHIBIT**. *Ripped skinny jeans, $69.90, by* **H&M**. *Polka-dotted cap, and leopard-print sneakers, both by* **COACH**. *Feather charm ear cuff, $290, by* **AMBUSH** *from Salon by Surrender. Leather belt, $80, by* **BANANA REPUBLIC**. *Bracelet, $200, by* **CH CAROLINA HERRERA**. *Cuff, $70, by* **BANANA REPUBLIC**. *Thin bangles, $13, by* **FOREVER 21**.

Paisley-print woven blazer, $329, and matching shorts, $149, both by **JACK WILLS**. *Viscose-blend cropped top, $649, by* **DION LEE** *from Inhabit. Chained bracelets (with set of three rings), by* **H&M**.





Cotton striped blazer, $329, and shorts, $179, by **JACK WILLS**. *Sports bra, $27, and rings and hand cuff set, $29, all by* **FOREVER 21**. *Denim cap, $139, by* **CALVIN KLEIN JEANS**. *Lippy Pink Eyewear, $260, by* **HOUSE OF HOLLAND**.



Paisley-print blazer, $790, and matching shorts, $400, both by **DZOJCHEN**. *Snakeskin-print heels, $220, by* **STEVE MADDEN**. *Velour hat, $650, by* **AMBUSH** *from Salon by Surrender. Rings (with set of bracelets), $39.90, by* **H&M**.

A sharply cut **PRINTED SHORTS SUIT** *could be the most hardworking wardrobe staple ever. Dress it up and dress it down, wear it for brunch, and to a game or out dancing.*



Cropped top, $129, by **CALVIN KLEIN JEANS**. *Faux leather and mesh drawstring track shorts, by* **KOONHOR**. *Straw cap, $15, by* **FOREVER 21**. *OMG sunglasses, $260, by* **HOUSE OF HOLLAND**. *Alcantara wrap bracelets, $150 each, by* **SWAROVSKI**.



Polyester vest, $96.90, by **TOPSHOP**. *Denim bralette, $19.90, by* **BERSHKA**. *Wrap skirt, $160, by* **BANANA REPUBLIC**. *Boots, $169, by* **PALLADIUM**. *Crystal knot necklace, $400, by* **SWAROVSKI**.

These **HIKING BOOTS** *were made for walking. Elevate utilitarian footwear by pairing them with tailored separates, then take on the world.*



Wool dress and cotton shirt dress with drawstring hem, both by **COS**. *Boots, $167, by* **TIMBERLAND**.



Striped vest, $330, and matching culottes, $340, both by **DZOJCHEN**. *Chain necklace, $410, by* **CH CAROLINA HERRERA**. *Gold-plated metal cuff, $390, and slim cuff, $350, both by* **KELLY WEARSTLER** *from Inhabit. Ring with stone, $70, by* **BANANA REPUBLIC**. *Ring, $7, by* **FOREVER 21**. *Chequered backpack, by* **COACH**.

Drawstring faux leather vest, by **KOONHOR**. *Floral-print waistcoat, by* **CHRISTIAN DADA** *from Salon by Surrender. Wide-legged sailor trousers, $525, by* **CH CAROLINA HERRERA**. *Pointed heels with ankle straps, $250, by* **STEVE MADDEN**. *Necklace with long pendant, by* **H&M**. *Mixed chain bracelets, $50, by* **BANANA REPUBLIC**. *Messenger bag with metal handle, by* **COS**.

The underrated gentleman's **WAISTCOAT** *can be layered over like a gilet or worn fitted underneath, like a bralette.*





Long polyester vest, $129, and tailored shorts, $59.90, both by **ZARA**. *Paisley-print waistcoat, $129, by* **JACK WILLS**. *Cotton V-necked tank, $69, by* **MASSIMO DUTTI**. *Felt hat, $49.90, by* **H&M**. *Necklace, $17, by* **FOREVER 21**. *Cuff, $390, and slim cuff, $350, both by* **KELLY WEARSTLER** *from Inhabit*.

BEAUTY MASTERCLASS

nail this look





Cropped top with pom-poms, by **EXHIBIT**. *Polka-dotted cap, by* **COACH**. *Feather charm ear cuff, $290, by* **AMBUSH** *from Salon by Surrender.*



PREP

Even out skin tone with the Poreraser CC UV Under Base Mousse in Beige, $65, followed by the Tsuya Skin UV Under Base Mousse in Radiance Moist, $68, to illuminate the complexion. For a natural, dewy finish, apply the Skin:Fit Cosmetic Water Foundation, $68, only on the areas that need coverage.



FINISH

Keep makeup clean and natural with a light sweep of Pressed Eyeshadow in ME Light Pink 126 and ME Medium Brown 856, $22 each, on the lids. Coat lashes with the Petal Lash Mascara in Intense Black, $50, and give lips shine with a slick of Tint In Gelator in BG01, $38.





BUILD

To give the illusion of fuller brows, use the Brow:Palette in Walnut Brown/ Acorn, $53, to shade and fill in the area, creating a natural shadow on the skin. Add definition with the Hard Formula H9 in Seal Brown, $33, using short strokes, as if drawing on individual brow hairs, to shape the brows.





ELLE'S QUICK TIP

Want an easy-peasy solution to defining your brows? Try the Brow:Sword, $53, that allows you to achieve perfect brows, whether bold or natural-looking, with ease.

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TEXT **VANESSA CHIA**

SHOPPING

fringe earrings

Less festival, more sophisticated and guaranteed to get fun *in full swing*.



Humbug Seedbead tassel earrings, $33.90, by **ACCESSORIZE**.



Beaded ear cuffs, $205, by **BIMBA Y LOLA**.



Leather earrings with beads and chains, $205, by **BIMBA Y LOLA**.

Metal and plastic earrings with polyester tassels, $14.90, by **H&M**.









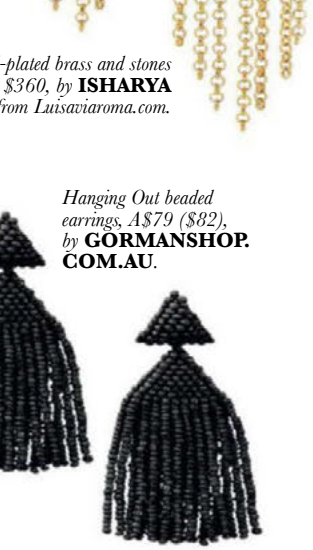




Chain tassel earrings, $26.90, by **TOPSHOP**.



Polyester tassel earrings, $12.90, by **H&M**.



Op Arts gold-plated brass and stones earrings, $360, by **ISHARYA** *from Luisaviaroma.com.*

Hanging Out beaded earrings, A$79 ($82), by **GORMANSHOP.COM.AU**.



Praga metal earrings, $19, by **MANGO**.

Dangly chain earrings, £12 ($26), by **RIVER ISLAND**.

STYLING **GRACIA PHANG**

ELLE LOVES

fancy fur



Two-tone polycarbonate sunglasses, $35.90, by **ZARA**.



Leather bracelets with brass beads, by **BRUNELLO CUCINELLI**.



Patched faux fur coat, $196, by **ASOS.COM**.





Cricket sweater, $140, by **BANANA REPUBLIC**.



DILETTA BONAIUTI

STYLIST AT LUISAVIAROMA.COM

INVESTMENT PIECE



Ice Walking calf hair and leather boot, $2,240, by **FENDI**.



Memphis Cuir leather cross-body bag, $705, by **LONGCHAMP**.



Leather belt, $139, by **SINEQUANONE**.



Faux suede skirt, £25.00 ($52.35), by **RIVERISLAND.COM**.



Knitted gloves with pom-poms, $80, by **BIMBA Y LOLA**.



Viscose sweater, $40, by **MANGO**.



Faux pearl and crystal ear cuff, $19.90, by **TOPSHOP**.



Cotton-blend skirt, by **KATE SPADE**.



Cathia leather and suede bootie, $690, by **REPETTO**.



Cropped polo tee, $47.80, by **ASOS.COM**.

STYLING **GRACIA PHANG** IMAGES **IMAXTREE**

SHOPPING

tailored metallics

Take a shine to these structured pieces that will *add a punch* to any outfit, any day.



Unique lamé silk shirt, $196, by **TOPSHOP**.



Zinc and stone ring, $27.90, by **ACCESSORIZE**.



Stone cuff, $49.90, by **CHARLES & KEITH**.



Aristocrat sunglasses, by **DITA** *from On Pedder.*



Leather bucket bag, $425, by **BIMBA Y LOLA**.



Leather coat, $235, by **BIMBA Y LOLA**.



Polyester-blend dress, $87, by **ASOS.COM**.



Roma leather slide, US$349 ($470), by **NEWBARK** *from Thecorner.com.*



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Nothing shines brighter under lights like a good metallic, and the King of Pop understood that. He always made sure that his fans would be able to see him and his every move even from the back of stadiums. Deck yourself out in full metallic (if you dare) — Michael Jackson would be so proud.

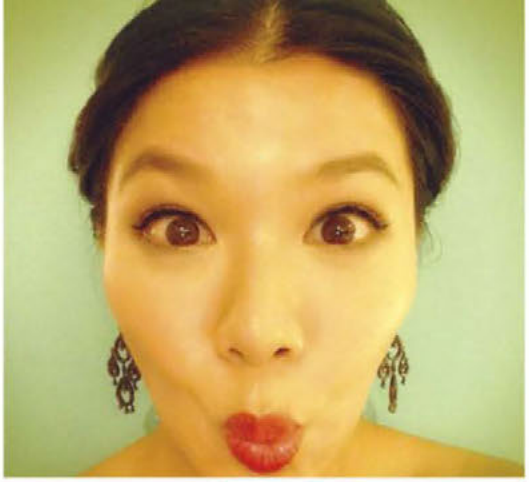


Cotton jeans, $235, by **NIKKIE**.



Tess suede pump, $650, by **REPETTO**.

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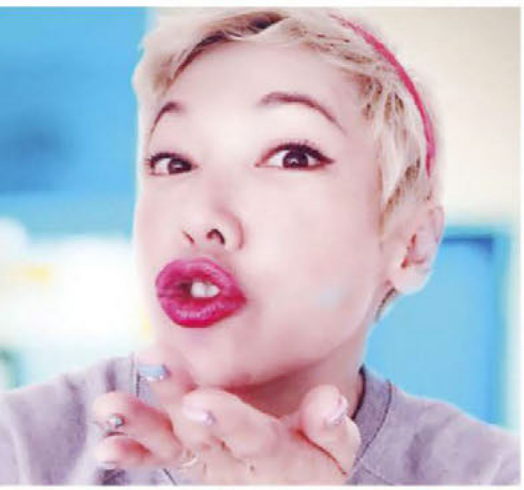
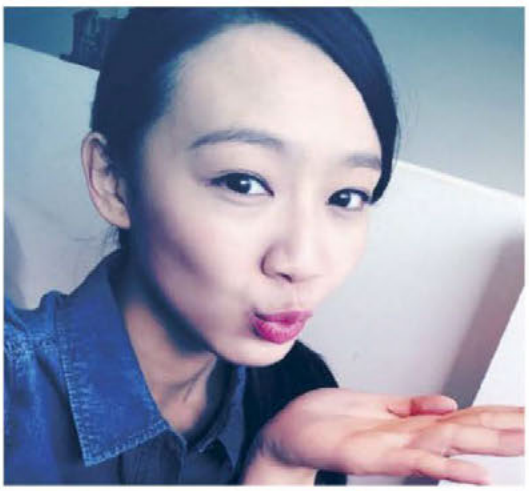
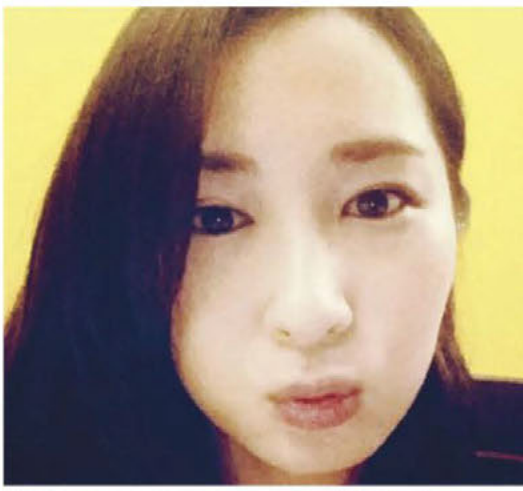






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ELLE BEAUTY



THE BEAUTY EDIT

We heart SG with our fave local beauty brands. Be pampered like royalty with Seoul's most luxurious beauty brand. A new beauty gadget you gotta have, and products for well-defined brows, pronto.

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BEAT THE HEAT



JO MALONE *Geranium Walnut Body Scrub, $100.*

+



ORIGINS *Purifying Charcoal Body Wash, $41.*

+



DRGL *Sun Protection Mist SPF29/PA++ (Hair/Face/Body), $88.*

CUSTOMISED BEAUTY

It's all about mixing and matching to suit your skin's needs at Skin Inc. Launched in 2007 when founder, Sabrina Tan, needed a solution for her eczema-prone skin, Skin Inc is now a global brand, available in the United States, Australia and Spain. The products feature highly concentrated, pure and active serums along with innovative skincare and beauty gadgets to keep skin healthy and radiant.

ELLE LOVES:
(anti-clockwise, from left)
My Daily Dose Custom-Blended Serum in Replenish (Hyaluronic Acid), Get Glowin' Brightening Mask, My Daily Dose Custom-Blended Serum in Relieve (Licorice), My Daily Dose Custom-Blended Serum in Repair (French Pine Bark), My Daily Dose Custom-Blended Serum in Rebalance (Vitamin C), Optimizer Voyage and Hydrating Shield+.



SWEET TREATS

Presenting four local brands we love – meet the *real Singapore beauties*.
By Vanessa Chia

OHM SPA

If you're looking for something made with love and passion, look no further. Each Mmerci Encore (it means "Thank You Again" in French) product uses only therapeutic grade essential oils and is carefully handcrafted and hand-blended to ensure that the highest quality is met. The brains behind the label is former beauty editor, Alli Sim, who loves her beauty rituals, and this is her way of sharing her journey with us.

ELLE LOVES:
(clockwise, from left to right) Mint Crema Hand & Body Cleanser, Glow Elixir, Afterglow Elixir and Luxe Gloss Body Serum.



art direction VANESSA YEO

photography MARK LEE



ORIENTAL BEAUTY

Short for Estetica Laboratories, Est.Lab is all about delivering effective products and results for Asian women. Inspired by Nobel Prize-winning research and backed by over three decades of R&D, this is the solution for busy women to keep skin glowing and youthful. Estetica also offers treatments for skin that needs a little more help.

ELLE LOVES:
(clockwise, from top) VitaLift A+ Skin Revive Essence, OptimaLift A+ Multi-Repair Eye Essence, SunShield SPF50, VitaLift A+ Miracle Lift Serum, and VitaLift A+ OPC Antioxidant Cream.

YOU'VE GOT NAIL

Frustration over the limited choices for eco-friendly nail colour options led Hands + Feet Studio owner, Caryn Lim, to develop her own line of nail polishes. Not only does Coat Colours offer gorgeous, long-lasting colours, they're good for your nails, too, as they contain no toluene, dibutyl phthalate, camphor, formaldehyde and resin.

ELLE LOVES:
(Top) Sheer Delight, Sugar & Spice and Pinkie Pie, *(Middle)* Bronze Age, Race-y Red and Twinkling Stars Top Coat, (*Bottom)* Before Midnight and Meteor Garden.



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all hail

Feel *like royalty* with Korean luxury brand The History of Whoo.
By Michelle Bong

It's an open secret: The Singapore girl loves her skincare treats that plump, protect and more. In fact, holiday (read: shopping) trips are specially planned to stock up on supplies for the year (*anyong haseyo*, Myeong-dong!). And the reliance on travelling friends to help pick up overlooked must-haves is an unspoken sisterhood pact.

That's why we're so excited that Korea's number one Oriental skincare brand, The History of Whoo, is Singapore's newest kid on the beauty block. Pause from reading this article, and you can almost hear the squeals of delight across the island.

As its hardcore fans and beauty influencers will attest, this luxury brand will make you rethink your entire skincare beauty routine.

Created for Asian skin and first launched in 2003, it celebrates the secret beauty formulas of traditional Korean royal culture — made contemporary again with a little help from modern science. The brand's ethos is simple: To reverse the signs of ageing while balancing the body's falling *yin* energy (it determines our body's levels of oestrogen and hormones) against your rising *yang* energy.

Traditional-East-meets-modern-West describes the alchemy behind the four skincare lines and a star product: The award-winning Bichup Ja Saeng Essence, a boosting essence suitable for all skin types. This iconic must-have, which helps skin to repair and heal itself, has sold 200 million bottles over four years.

At the heart of the Bichup Ja Saeng Essence is not one but four special formulas. Gongjinbidan, a medley of nourishing Oriental herbs comprising deer antler, angelica root, cornelian cherries, acanthopanax root bark, asparagus root and wild thyme, is a core formula also found in all Whoo products. The ingredients work together to improve blood and *chi* circulation, and strengthen skin's resilience to external aggressors such as pollution and the weather.

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goodness all round

Whatever your age or skin concern, there is a range for you.



GONGJINHYANG

FOR

Women in their 20s to 30s

AIM

Basic Care

Gongjinbidan is combined with aloeswood to clear the body's meridians and promote a greater balance between yin and yang energies. The seven-product range includes the Qi & Jin Essence to improve skin elasticity and In Yang Lotion for intensive hydration.



CHEONGIDAN

FOR

Women in their 30s

AIM

Premium Care

Powered by a formula with 26 herbal ingredients (including wild ginseng root and golden yew) and inspired by Empress Dowager Cixi's secret beauty regimen. By relieving negative energies through the balance of yin and yang, skin is moisturised and brightened.



JINYULHYANG

FOR

Women over 45

AIM

Anti-ageing Care

To combat the loss of natural collagen, this range leverages the goodness of Gongjinbidan and the purest, concentrated extract of red ginseng to boost the body's levels of yin. Regular use of the nine-product range prevents dryness and boosts collagen production to fight wrinkles and sagging skin.



HWANYU

FOR

Women in their 30s and up

AIM

Luxurious Care

The brand's most prestigious line. A formula featuring 70 ingredients (including 35-year-old wild ginseng and Siberian deer antlers), it regulates skin's metabolism for a brighter, more radiant complexion. Together with Gongjinbidan, antioxidant effects are elevated to delay the skin's ageing process.

The other three formulas are Gyeongokbidan (a herbal formula that delays premature skin ageing, minimises the appearance of pores and boosts skin moisture), Cheongsimbidan (a skin-detoxing herbal formula handed down by the imperial noble family), and Cho Jahabidan, a biotechnology creation that mimics the healing and regenerative benefits of human placenta.

These work together to give you a visibly clearer skin tone, softer and smoother skin texture and overall suppleness with regular use over just two weeks.

Fittingly, each product range is immaculately dressed to evoke the luxury of a queen's belongings through the use of warm tones like gold and amber, and the symbol of a lotus flower, long associated with the royal courts of yesterday. The brand logo, resembling the Korean character "*whoo*", translates to "empress" in Mandarin.

Call it a subtle ode to today's women. Brand trainer, Jessica Song, explains, "Through dressing up and using beauty products, women not only want to look good, but also feel special. We match our brand concept to that, and our luxurious and elegant skincare and makeup lines use only the best ingredients to create the best products." ELLE

Available exclusively at Tangs Orchard.

LITTLE EXTRAS

Complement beautiful skin with a selection of makeup treats from the Gongjinhyang: Mi and Gongjinhyang: Seol range.

Infused with the goodness of chrysanthemum extract and other nutrients, this range includes 10 lipstick shades, six lip gloss shades, whitening sunscreen and cushion foundations.



Luxury Gloss and Lipstick.



Whitening Sun BB.

blue's clues

Keep skin *clean and clear* with these must-haves.



4 Hours

SHISEIDO *Perfect UV Protector Wet Force SPF50+/PA++++, $59.*
This unique formula lets you have more fun in the sun and water. It's not just water-resistant; contact with water boosts its SPF protection, to keep you well-protected from the sun's damaging rays.

2 Minutes

BLISS *Fabulous Makeup Melt Gel-to-Oil Cleanser, $46.*
Efficiently removes makeup as the gel transforms into a lightweight oil. Doesn't strip skin of its natural moisture but leaves skin soft and balanced with a blend of seven essential oils that includes tamanu, olive, lavender and sage.





28 Days

ORBIS *Clear Moisture-M Oil Cut, $26.*
A light lotion that hydrates and soothes while preventing the onset of breakouts during that time of the month, thanks to the use of gromwell root extract.

5 Minutes



BIOTHERM *Aquasource Total Eye Revitalizer, $69.*
Instantly de-puffs and cools tired eyes with its lightweight gel-in-balm texture and cooling sensation. Also has a blurring complex to keep eyes looking bright and youthful.



5 Days

BOURJOIS *La Laque in Only Bluuue, $11.50.*
Offering intense colour and high shine, this bright shade is perfect for the season. Lasts longer if you add a top coat.

7 Days

JOHN FRIEDA *Luxurious Volume 7 Day Volume In-Shower Treatment, $21.90.*
Using volume-boosting polymers, it thickens fine locks for a fuller finish. For best results, use once a week and shampoo hair every other day.



8 Hours

LA ROCHE-POSAY *Effaclar K(+), $38.90.*
Absorbs excess sebum to keep skin fresh and clear. Great for blemish-prone skin.



TEXT **VANESSA CHIA** PHOTOGRAPHY **MARK LEE**

best face forward

The *newest beauty device* every woman needs to have, pronto.
By Vanessa Chia



1 CARBON DIOXIDE CAN BE GOOD FOR YOU. When mixed with water, it becomes carbonic acid, and in Japan, this carbonated water has been shown to possess similar health and beauty benefits as water from hot springs used in various beauty treatments.

2 IT CAN KEEP SKIN LOOKING YOUTHFUL. According to further Japanese research, washing your face with carbonated water not only leaves skin feeling fresh, but can also help clear clogged pores, remove dead skin and boost skin's radiance.

3 IT'S YOUR NEW MUST-HAVE BEAUTY DEVICE. The Plosion Carbonated Mist encapsulates the carbonic acid together with a serum, so that the active ingredients can be better absorbed into the skin for intense hydration and nourishment.

4 YOU'LL SEE RESULTS INSTANTLY. Together with the use of the Plosion Face Essential Lotion that contains a blend of anti-ageing ingredients, it not only gives face an instant glow but also has a lifting effect that results in a slimmer face.

5 YOU CAN USE IT ANYTIME, ANYWHERE. This handy device can be slipped into your bag to keep skin well-hydrated and radiant. Use it pre-makeup to prep skin, after lunch as a touch-up or even after a shower to refresh the senses.

$399. The Plosion Carbonated Mist Handy Set comes with a Carbonated Mist Diffuser, two Plosion Face Essential Lotions and a Carbon Dioxide cartridge.

ART DIRECTION **LINDY TAY** PHOTOGRAPHY **MARK LEE**

up your brow game

ELLE readers craft the perfect face framers with these *arch-accentuating tools*.



DIORSHOW BROW STYLER GEL IN 001 TRANSPARENT, $38.
I have bushy brows and this had enough tack to hold hairs in place and enhance shape without looking illustrated or clumpy. But since it is a clear gel, it wouldn't work to fill in sparse spots.
Tan Shi Wen, 25, dancer
3.5/5

BROWHAUS CLASSIC BROW LEAD IN SOFT BROW, $17.90.
This eyebrow pencil has great staying power – it lasted through a full shift at work, dinner at a coffee shop, and even an exercise session. I love its longevity and it was easy to remove as well. The only downside was that its crayon-like texture was a little too waxy for my liking.
Chloe Low, 28, physiotherapist
4/5

URBAN DECAY BROW BOX IN BROWN SUGAR, $48.
Though the wax in this kit was stickier than others I've used before, I found that the brow powder adhered better and stayed on longer. I liked that the finish was natural and it didn't fade throughout the day. But with all powders, this takes some practice for an even finish.
Sally Song, 28, dentist
3.5/5

NARS BROW PERFECTOR IN CAUCASE, $35.
The best thing about this: It offers a matte finish because the last thing I want is to leave home with waxy brows. It lasted for more than 12 hours, which is great! My only complaint? The texture of the lead is pretty hard, and it took some hairs off my already-sparse eyebrows. It didn't help much when I used it on moisturised skin either.
Jamie Koh, 35, accounts manager
2.5/5

SHU UEMURA BROW:SWORD EYEBROW PENCIL IN SEAL BROWN, $53.
I didn't need to worry about drawing outside of my brow line as the flat-broad tip of the pencil mimics the tip of a brush, making it easy to control. It gives a natural but light-coloured finish, so I had to touch up halfway through the day. On the upside, you can control how dark you would like your brows to look by layering more for a bolder look.
Sarah Lim, 30, freelance teacher
3.5/5

ART DIRECTION **LINDY TAY** PHOTOGRAPHY **MARK LEE**

ELLE LIVING

THE POWER PLAYERS

Meet 10 accomplished women who are shining beacons of inspiration for us. What is Singapore's style sensibility? Discover Team ELLE's favourite local fare, and drink to the Singapore Sling's 100th birthday. **Plus** Add gold accents to your living space.



Double-faced wool coat, by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. *(From left) Juste un Clou rings and bracelets, and Love rings and bracelets, all by* **CARTIER**.

TEXT **MICHELLE BONG**

POWER PACKED



STARBUCKS *Triple Coffee Frappuccino, $7.80.*

CREATIVE *Sound Blaster Roar 2 speaker, price unavailable.*





OLYMPUS *OM-D E-M5 Mark ll Limited Edition camera, $2,248.*

the power players

ELLE and BOSS Womenswear present 10 local women, each one of them an *accomplished multi-hyphenate* who has a hand in shaping the way you live.
By Michelle Bong & Tan Wei Lin

art direction DANNII CHOO & KAREN CHNG

fashion direction DAPHNE CHEN-CORDEIRO

Women have come a long way since the 1950s, when the tools to fulfilment were an ironing board and a baking pan. These days, women get to (and want to) do a lot more — they vote, they travel the world, they make their opinions heard — as global citizens.

The trade-off is they often have to contend with more expectations, with the multiple roles in life they might play as a wife, mother, daughter, while often being expected to devote more time to their families than men are. A woman in modern society is expected to go to university, get married, start a family, have a career, have exciting social pursuits — the list goes on.

Happily, they are rising to the challenge. Women today not only have careers; many of them climb as far up the corporate ladder as men, or possibly even higher. And some go above and beyond expectations, effortlessly juggling multiple responsibilities while making an impact on lives everywhere.

Zoe. Beatrice. Juliana. Sandra. Ker-Shing. Min. Rosalyn. Glenda. Melissa. Velda. a go-getter, and in some cases, a wife and mother. Some of them are obvious choices as already-established icons of power or success, while others are on their way to achieving greatness.

No matter their age or profession, they possess that verve to embrace ambition, influence, resilience, grace — or, in some cases, all of the above. In a nutshell, these powerful personalities make us want to do life better, and are worthy inspirations for the rest of us.

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These 10 women have made their presence felt in industries that run the gamut from music to fitness, science to broadcasting, acting to architecture. Each of them is

THE SCREEN QUEEN

She's a mother of three, a daughter, an actress, a women's rights activist and a wife. Yes, it seems Zoe Tay does it all. Nearly three decades since she walked away with the 1988 Star Search winner's trophy, the 47-year-old is still regarded as the Queen of Caldecott Hill, Singapore's enduring "*Ah Jie*".

While some of her peers have either left the industry or are fading into obscurity, Tay is on her second wind and remains as contemporary as ever. She's currently filming the blockbuster drama *The Dream Makers 2*, the sequel to one of the most-watched TV series of 2013.

She reprises her role as TV station executive Zhou Wei Yun — only this time she runs a drama unit and faces conflict with a colleague, Guan Xie En (played by Huang Biren, in her first collaboration with Tay). The series, which will also star Rui En, Jeanette Aw, Qi Yuwu, Li Nanxing and Julie Tan, will debut on 3 December on Channel 8.

It is her only TV project in 2015, in line with how she will be involved in only one or two productions per year, and will devote more time to her family and personal pursuits. One of these will be charity work; following her collaboration with Association of Women for Action and Research (Aware) to raise awareness about its Sexual Assault Care Centre (SACC), she was in eastern Cambodia's Kampong Cham province to visit Somaly House, a home for girls who have been sexually abused or have suffered at the hands of human traffickers.

This was arranged as part of her trip to Cambodia to promote her drama *You Can Be An Angel Too*, in which she played a nurse. Visiting Somaly House, she says, was emotionally charged. She says, "I was there meeting young girls who had been rescued, and hearing about others who didn't manage to escape. I can't imagine how people can treat children this way.

"I promised the girls I will be back to see them, and when I do, I also want to see what more can be done for them, and how to raise awareness about them. I haven't come up with a plan yet, but hopefully, we can help them. I also want to get more involved and do more with the social groups here."

PHOTOGRAPHY **WEE KHIM** STYLING **JEREMY TAN** PHOTOGRAPHY ASSISTANCE **ELTON CHONG** STYLING ASSISTANCE **SHEAU JIUN** & **TIFFANY TAN** HAIR **DAVID GAN**/PASSION HAIR SALON MAKEUP **CINDY GOH** USING SULWHASOO

Military wool jacket and matching wool trousers, both by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, by **CARTIER**.



Wool dress with sequins, by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, all by **VAN CLEEF & ARPELS**. Heels, stylist's own.

Tay is also kept busy these days navigating the social media landscape. Sharing about her day has also become second nature, after she jumped on the Instagram bandwagon (@zoetay10) a scant six months ago. She laughs, "Fans told me they want to 'follow' me, but can't. At first, I had a shock — why do they want to follow me, and where? Then I realised they meant on Instagram!"

So far, she's shared insights into her hectic days, giving us a glimpse of things that touch her heart — like the gift of a special drawing from one of her sons, as well as events such as the StyleXSG50 Awards, where she was honoured for her contributions to the local entertainment scene.

As an artiste who has evolved almost alongside this country, Tay looks back at her achievements not with pride, but wonder. She explains, "I still can't believe I've achieved all that I have, the honour and recognition. I was brought up in a very conservative family, and I was not a brave girl. In school, going on stage was an incredible thing to do, though I was freaking out. And entering the industry gave me a platform and a chance to express myself.

"Positivity and perseverance are powerful. With both, anything can happen."

"When people ask me for advice, I tell them: Don't be afraid to dream. In fact, dream bigger. I was not a dreamer, but I made it. And if I can make it, many others can make it, too — and do even better than I did. Those who have ambition need to follow their heart and try their best."

Some already hail her as the future Queen of Mediapolis (where MediaCorp will be relocated to next year). No question, her star still shines bright. Just ask her 36,500 (and counting) Instagram followers.

What, to her, is power? Tay mulls it over before saying, "Positivity and perseverance are powerful. With both, anything can happen."

THE DJ

Radio presenter and TV host Rosalyn Lee, 36, is famous for many things, though lately her 24-year-old boyfriend Justin Vanderstraaten has quickly overtaken everything on that list. But what we like most about the Lush 99.5FM DJ is how direct, honest and immensely quotable she is. That's why she has a place in this story — for fearlessly being who she truly is, take it or leave it.

It's no surprise that her relationship has raised eyebrows; what's unexpected is that it has also inspired others to pursue their heart's desires. "We have, without trying, become a symbol for atypical relationships where [*a large*] age gap is frowned upon by societal norms. Uhm, glad to be of service!" she says, staying positive.

"I feel powerful whenever I don't succumb to peer pressure, and go against the flow. We only have one shot at life. *Carpe* the f****** *diem* and live life to the fullest of our abilities," says Lee. This year, she has crossed over to acting, which she has previously expressed zero interest in. But while she reluctantly auditioned for the Channel 5 drama, *Premonition* (premiering 27 July), at the insistence of the director, she successfully bagged the lead role of Belinda — a rookie cop who struggles after being implicated in her policeman father's corruption.

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"She [*Belinda*] and I are so similar in that both our fathers chose to leave us... It was a pretty intense month of shooting — a cathartic experience," says Lee. She reminds us that one role in a TV drama doesn't make her an actress, although she's now keen to have another go, hopefully in a second season of the series. So, what really is her dream job then? "If I get to host a TV show about rock bands or music, that'd be it."



Viscose-blend vest and matching trousers, both by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, Lee's own.

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HAIR **ALICIA TAY**/MOSCHE SALON USING REDKEN MAKEUP **SHA SHAMSI** USING URBAN DECAY

Acetate sleeveless dress with belt, by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, Ong's own.



THE ARCHITECT

Harvard graduate, award-winning architect, author, business owner, wife, mother — we have barely enough fingers on one hand to count Ong Ker-Shing's many accomplishments with. While most of the 40-year-old's time is spent in her "day job" at Lekker Architects (that she co-founded with her husband Joshua Comaroff), Ong also has a stake in the design shop Strangelets, authored an architecture book and started the food business, Two Rabbits Smoky Chilli with her brother, a small set-up distributing their family-recipe hot sauce.

Talk about diversity. On top of all these, Ong is the mother of two kids, aged five and six. Daily life is challenging, to say the least. "I used to think that being strong meant building a kick-ass career despite having kids, keeping that personal side hidden from my professional life. Now, I make an effort not to cover up that very important part of my life," she says.

"What makes me feel powerful is when I've had a tough day at work, and when I go home and see my kids, I can make them feel like they are the only people in the world that matter."

"Many women are forced to choose between career and family. I was raised expecting to have both. Also, I never felt that as an architect, I couldn't open a shop or sweat over a wok to make chilli to sell. By all means, do what interests you. No one ever said people should do only one thing!"

Ong's next goal is unexpectedly simple — to get on top of things enough to start exercising regularly. She draws strength from her family: "What makes me feel powerful is when I've had a tough day at work, and when I go home and see my kids, I can make them feel like they are the only people in the world that matter."

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HAIR **AYAKO**/SHUNJI MATSUO HAIR STUDIOS MAKEUP **SHA SHAMSI** USING URBAN DECAY

THE TASTEMAKER

Not content to be a sought-after corporate lawyer fighting mergers and acquisitions cases, Min Tan will also decide what you'll be watching at the cinemas. The managing partner at Colin Ng & Partners is one of the executive producers of local film company, Xietgeist Entertainment Group.

Its first project, the biopic *The Man Who Knew Infinity*, stars Jeremy Irons and Dev Patel as Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. It opens in Singapore later this year. A second project, spy thriller *Damascus Cover* — starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers, John Hurt and Olivia Thirlby — is in post-production. A third project, *Shambhala*, starts filming this month and also stars Rhys Meyers, and Allan Wu.

"Having the ability to make a difference to someone's life makes me feel powerful."

A society-event fixture known for her high-end wardrobe, Tan has also found time to design her own capsule collection with scarf label Mad About Hue. With only 24 hours in a day, how does she do it all?

She laughs, "If there's anything I have learnt in the past year, it is that if you have a passion for something, you will always be able to make time for it. Don't put your heart's desires on the back burner! It's better to say 'I can't believe I did that' than 'I wish I had done that'.

"For me, strength is defined by the freedom of a woman to choose what she wants to do, to decide her own destiny and what makes her happy. And having the ability to make a difference to someone's life makes me feel powerful."

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HAIR **SHA SHAMSI** USING SEBASTIAN PROFESSIONAL MAKEUP **SAM ONG** USING YVES SAINT LAURENT BEAUTÉ

Cotton blouse, lamb leather skirt & suede heels, all by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Necklace, stylist's own.



Printed viscose-blend dress, by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, Tham's own.

THE CHANTEUSE

Her name might not yet be familiar but trust us, here's the girl who's set to make it big in the local music scene. Singer Melissa Tham, 29, is hardly the newbie, being already quite a fixture in the jazz circuit. She's racked up solid experience as a performing artiste, having spent the past nine years gigging with the likes of Jeremy Monteiro and the Christy Smith Quartet.

"I feel powerful knowing what I want and actually going for it, instead of dreaming about it."

Looking at her Size 0 frame, one would never guess that it contained a voice that big. Similarly unexpected, for an Asian singer, are her vocal stylings that are reminiscent of jazz greats like Anita O'Day and Peggy Lee. It's a voice that deserves a bigger platform, which has been a long time coming.

This year, Tham's shining moment has finally arrived, nicely in time to mark her soon-to-be decade in the biz. She was recently named SingJazz Emerging Jazz Vocalist of the Year 2015, an accolade followed shortly by another major career milestone — the release of her solo debut album, *Falling in Love Again*.

All these, and now making it into ELLE's list of women to watch. We think it's an indicator of bigger things to come, along with more exposure and recognition. Fame, however, has never been a priority for her. "I didn't get into singing to be a superstar. The attention is great, but only because it feels great to have touched someone with my music and voice," she shares.

Tham aims to emote her songs better, write more originals and continue to enjoy the music she performs. "I feel powerful knowing what I want and actually going for it, instead of dreaming about it," she says of her ambition.

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THE SCIENTIST

At 32, Juliana Chan has arguably one of the most unconventional CVs in town. The scientist and Nanyang Technological University professor spends her work days "repackaging existing medicines so they are more tolerable to the body (causing fewer side effects) and more efficient (available in a lower dose that achieves the same outcome)."

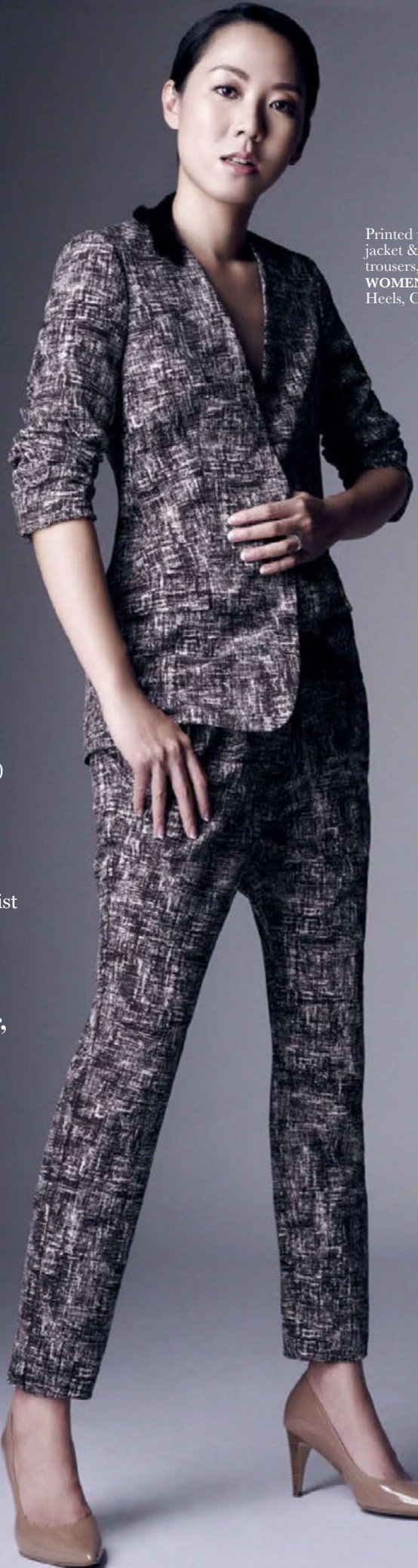
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cambridge alum is also editor-in-chief of *Asian Scientist* magazine, which she founded in 2011 "to highlight research and development carried out in Asia to the world." She also finds the time to attend World Economic Forum (WEF) forums, where she gets to mingle with some of the best minds in the world.

This privilege comes with her being appointed a WEF Young Global Leader (YGL) this year. YGLs are selected based on their achievements and contribution to society, and for their commitment to shaping the future of the world. Chan joins an exclusive "club" that includes actor and environmentalist Leonardo DiCaprio, tennis champion Li Na and CNN anchor Anderson Cooper.

"I feel powerful being a mother, and I feel powerful working in the science field."

The mother of a toddler daughter is proud of how far she's come. She smiles, "To me, an accomplished, powerful woman is someone who makes her own life choices, and lives the way she wants to live. I feel powerful being a mother, and I feel powerful working in the science field.

"I've already achieved all my lifetime goals and anything more is icing on the cake. Now, I just hope that my family stays healthy and happy."



Printed polyester jacket & matching trousers, both by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Heels, Chan's own.

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HAIR **SHA SHAMSI** USING SEBASTIAN PROFESSIONAL MAKEUP **SAM ONG** USING RMK

THE OVERACHIEVER

It's hard to believe Sandra Riley Tang is all of 24 years old. She's better known as one-quarter of local indie-folk troupe, The Sam Willows, which has played at international music festivals such as South by Southwest (SXSW) Music Festival in Texas, and is the first Singaporean act to showcase at MUSEXPO in Los Angeles.

Back home, the band — signed to Sony Music Entertainment — was most recently seen performing at the opening and closing ceremonies of the 28th South East Asian (SEA) Games in June. They will also perform on 18 September at the 2015 Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix, and their album will drop later this year.

"I feel powerful when I am aware of my body, my mind, my soul...and when I can help someone else."

Outside of her musical pursuits, Tang is also a businesswoman (co-founder of The Yoga Co, Singapore's first home-concept yoga studio), founder and creative director of online art collective RileyArt, featuring specially curated handmade accessories, art and calligraphy, and web tutorials known as "The DIY Project".

No doubt, Tang is having the time of her life — which is anchored by the desire to pay it forward. "Music has been such a big part of my life, helping me through good and bad times, so I feel really honoured to touch others with my music," says the bundle of endless energy, adding that yoga has also been a wonderful way to be "a woman who's self-assured enough that she may encourage and help others keep fit and healthy. I feel powerful when I am aware of my body, my mind, my soul... and when I can help someone else."



Wool turtle-necked tunic (worn as dress) and boots, both by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, Tang's own.

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HAIR **AYAKO**/SHUNJI MATSUO HAIR STUDIOS MAKEUP **SHA SHAMSI** USING SEBASTIAN PROFESSIONAL



THE PRODUCER

A go-to person when it comes to helming national-scale events, Beatrice Chia-Richmond, 41, has come a long way since her R(A) directorial debut, *Shopping and F**king*, won her the Best Director title in the 2003 Life! Theatre Awards. She went on to direct over 40 productions in 10 years, before raising her game — and going even bigger.

The statuesque director/producer is the first female creative director of a National Day Parade, and most recently, the creative director for the 28th SEA Games. Widely regarded as a spectacular visual feast, it was seen by some 998,000 viewers via "live" high-definition TV broadcast on MediaCorp channels.

"[*It is*] my proudest achievement for 2015," she says, adding that almost two years of her life were poured into the mega-project. "It has been my most challenging directorial work by far, the most mentally and psychologically exhausting, yet the most rewarding experience," she smiles.

"Being able to wake up every day and do what I love makes me feel powerful..."

Keeping this married mum of an eight-year-old busy is also her role as creative director of concert promotion company Running into the Sun, which produced *SMTOWN Live World Tour III*, one of the biggest concerts ever to be held in Singapore with an audience of 26,000.

But she's not complaining. "Being able to wake up every day and do what I love makes me feel powerful, especially if it's with good friends," she says.

Belted wool coat, by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, Chia-Richmond's own.

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HAIR **ALICIA TAY**/MOSCHE SALON USING REDKEN MAKEUP **SHA SHAMSI** USING URBAN DECAY

THE NEWS ANCHOR

At just 15, Glenda Chong knew she wanted to be a broadcast journalist. She has come a long way since, not only fulfilling her aspirations but also doing it with distinction, at the same time becoming MediaCorp Channel NewsAsia's longest-serving English news presenter (she joined the company in 1997).

"No two days are the same, so the novelty of the newsroom doesn't wear off," Chong, who's in her 40s, says. "The best decision I've made was to push for an overseas posting, to be a China correspondent. It widened my world view and allowed me to be a better journalist and person."

"Having a positive outlook in life makes me feel powerful."

Among the many news events she has covered, the 2008 Sichuan earthquake in China left an indelible impression. "It made me acutely aware that life is short, so live and love like there's no tomorrow," she reveals. Yet, she believes in optimism. "Having a positive outlook in life makes me feel powerful," she says.

This year, the executive editor and presenter was entrusted with the announcement of the death of Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the "live" broadcast of the wake and the funeral procession. "It's a badge I wear proudly in my journalistic career," she says.

Away from work, Chong, who got hitched last year, is enjoying domestic bliss. "I love to bake so I want to improve on my baking skills," she says. We won't be surprised if she's equally adept in the kitchen as she is in the newsroom.

Wool-and-polyamide-blend coat and leather belt, both by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Jewellery, Chong's own.



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HAIR **AYAKO**/SHUNJI MATSUO HAIR STUDIOS MAKEUP **SHA SHAMS**! USING URBAN DECAY

THE FASHION ENTREPRENEUR

In a new world where one's fashion clout is measured by online presence and the size of her Instagram following, Velda Tan is a forerunner. Pretty much everyone knows by now that she is one of the three women (including her sister, Viola, and good friend Rachel Lim) behind fashion e-tailer Love, Bonito — one of Singapore's most successful fashion businesses.

Tan has since gone on to further prove her savvy with other ventures — Pince & Pints, the lobster roll restaurant she started with her husband Frederick Yap — and Collate The Label, a spanking-new mid-market fashion brand that debuted barely months ago at Singapore Fashion Week — both of which have been very well-received.

"Waking up every day with a sense of purpose, and being able to do what I love, makes me feel powerful."

At 27, Tan has achieved what most people twice her age had probably only dreamt of. What does she make of her success? "I've the inclination for the path less travelled — I left university halfway to grow my first business. Fortune favours the brave; it takes courage to leave what is comfortable behind and pursue a life-changing purpose that lies beyond the borders," she says.

Come 2016, she hopes to present Collate overseas. "And yes, my husband and I do want to start a family before we turn 30," she adds. To enterprising women out there, she'd like to say: "Just do it! I've heard so many women musing over what they could and should have done, and how their best years are behind them. That is far from the truth; I believe in making the best use of what we've been given now. Waking up every day with a sense of purpose, and being able to do what I love, makes me feel powerful." ELLE

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Polyester-blend peplum dress, by **BOSS WOMENSWEAR**. Shoes, Tan's own.



the search for identity

In a city-state that often imports its tastes in fashion, what is the *Singapore style*?
By Michelle Bong & Monisha Kishin

Like its people, a city is imbued with a certain identity; the cobbled streets of Paris are the stage on which its chic, impeccably dressed inhabitants sashay, in the same way London is synonymous with timeless fashion (hello, trenchcoat!) juxtaposed against a heritage-rich backdrop. Likewise, Tokyo's cacophony of almost-distracting lights and sounds complements a fashion style best described as quirky, off-kilter cool.

It's been said that whether a city is stylish (or not) is dependent not just on the fashion events it holds — but the people who inhabit it. Like one entity, a city and its people create a unique style mood board.

So what of Singapore's? The reactions vary; for some, Singapore style conjures images of the *sarong kebaya* made globally famous by Singapore Airlines' stewardesses. Others think of red-white tones or orchids. Yet others insist our multicultural heritage negates the creation of a truly Singaporean style identity. And the majority has absolutely no clue.

STYLE SPIRIT

Singapore's designers and stylists have a different view: Living so close to the equator and a lack of seasonal weather are the reasons why most Singaporeans favour practicality

MAIN PHOTO **MAE PANG**

and wearability over trends. This explains why our unofficial uniform of all-things-comfy is so at odds with our structural landscape, jam-packed with post-colonial architecture, modern glass-meets-steel facades and the like.

"We are a nation of urban practical dressers, playing with clever layering and breezy fabrics," says designer Mae Pang. "Singaporeans can be a stylish bunch if you scratch beneath the surface of our national 'uniform' of tees!"

And designer Sabrina Goh from local label Elohim sums it up: "Singapore style is what the majority of Singaporeans want to wear — [*apparel that's*] straightforward, minimal, relaxed at times but sometimes over-relaxed. However, there's a group of people who do still dress up to showcase their own identity, and this small group have been growing over the years."

"I believe that if a definitive Singapore Style is to evolve, it should do so naturally over time…[to become] far more authentic and sustainable than one that is the result of a fast-track design initiative."

— *Chelsea Scott-Blackhall*

MAKING THE EFFORT

The growth, it seems, is slow. Our unforgiving weather has labelled Singaporeans as plain lazy when it comes to dressing up, and lacking in fashion sense. The latter observation was made by French fashion designer Roland Mouret, who was here in 2012 for the Audi Fashion Festival. He told Yahoo! Singapore, "I see quite a lot of fashion disasters in this hotel, especially on men — the wrong shorts with the flip-flops."

Lionnel Lim, a former stylist integral to Singapore's fashion landscape since the '80s, agrees. "There are individuals who stand out occasionally, but as a whole, we are still quite backward, style-wise." He also argues there's no excuse not to make an effort.


COLLATE THE LABEL

"It's not so much the weather, but the attitude. Stores here sell furs, cashmeres and leather coats by the dozens. And our air-conditioning inside buildings is well-known to be very cold.

"When there is a gala with a theme, you see women (and

FASHION IN SINGAPORE: AN EVOLUTION

'30s

Department store Tangs opens on River Valley Road.

'70s

Club 21 opens at Tanglin Shopping Centre. Metro stocks posh European brands such as Cartier, Givenchy and Yves Saint Laurent.

'90s



Takashimaya, Isetan and Paragon open. Metro's popularity wanes. Tangs launches Tangs Studio. Charles & Keith opens its first of 170 global outlets.

FROM 2010

Local labels Alldressedup, In Good Company, Raoul, Djozchen, Elohim and Ong Shunmugam gain a stronger fashion foothold.

'50s

Department store Metro opens on High Street.


IN GOOD COMPANY

'80s

Local designers such as Celia Loe, Esther Tay, Arthur Yen, Thomas Wee and Hayden Ng open their boutiques. Giordano, Second Chance and Bossini are household names.

2000s

Brands like Kenzo, Moschino, Boycott, Ozoc, Diesel, Armani Exchange and Guess open boutiques, as do Uniqlo and H&M. Local labels like Nicholas, Baylene and Raoul find their wings. Fashion events such as the Audi Fashion Festival and the Singapore Fashion Festival put us on the global fashion map.

great moments in singapore style

1972



The Singapore Airlines *sarong kebaya* uniform, designed by Pierre Balmain, is created.

early '80s

Hemispheres, the first young designer platform store set up by Dick Lee, opens.

1994

M)phosis' pieces, celebrating luxe minimalism, are embraced.



"Singapore style is what the majority of Singaporeans want to wear — [apparel that's] straightforward, minimal, relaxed at times, but sometimes over-relaxed."

— *Sabrina Goh*



SABRINA GOH



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men) all dressed up. Likewise, when there is a fashion event, fashionistas and *tai-tais* will don their peacock best. How do you explain this phenomenon? It boils down to 'Will you bother to do it on a daily basis'? Until we all decide to [*make an effort*], we will forever be 'wanting', instead of 'being' in style."

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Can local style be shaped? The reactions are mixed. In Good Company designer Sven Tan says there's no need to "set out to create a Singapore style... We will just continue making pieces that many women see as effortless to wear." But designers like Pang and Chelsea Scott-Blackhall of Dzojchen believe designers and consumers can work together.

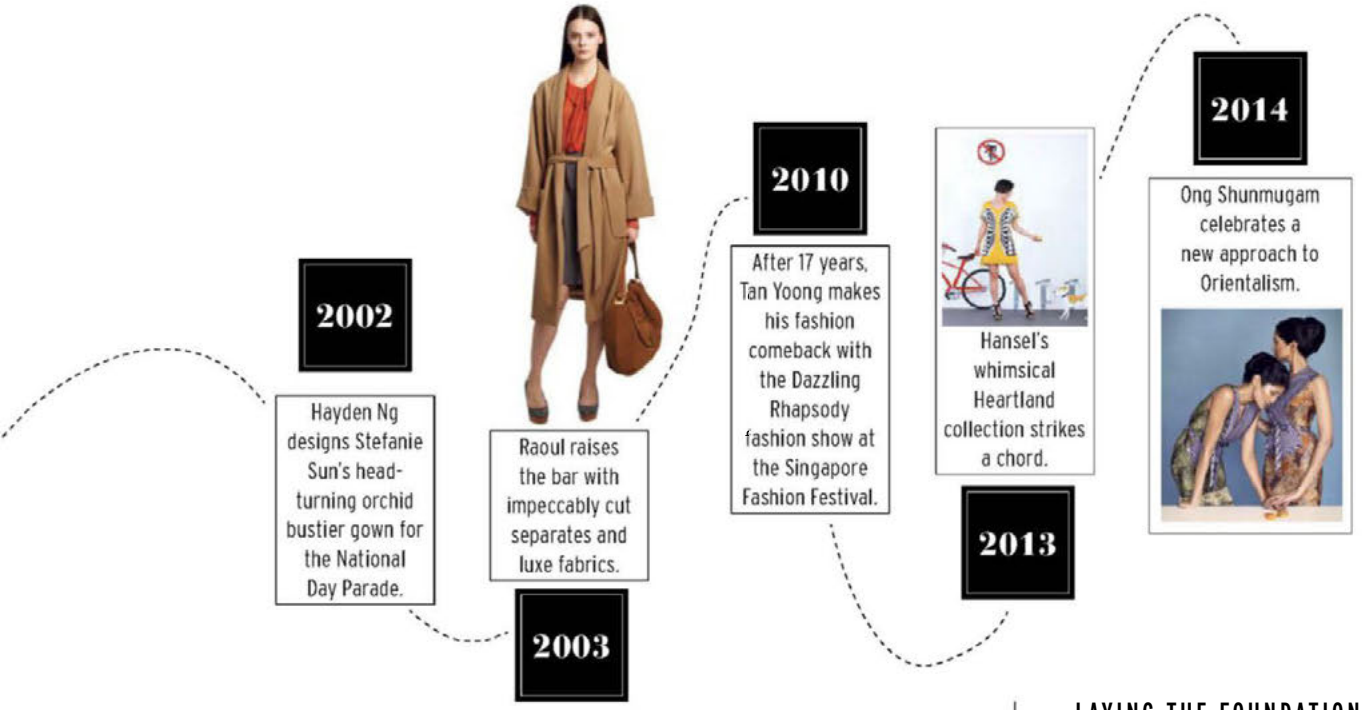
Pang feels designers should inspire consumers to "experiment and try a new silhouette, cut or colour...and play with their style" — while Scott-Blackhall says, "I do feel local designers can contribute to the evolution of 'Singapore style'. If we can define a stylistic value which creates a sense of wardrobe patriotism, that can't be a bad thing!"

Meanwhile, Lim says it takes more than that. "I personally think it's a multi-prong effort. Designers and stylists — including hairstylists and makeup artists — should lead the charge, and consumers must also play their part in giving them a chance. The National Museum, or any local museum, should also play a part in preserving as much of a local fashion identity as possible.

"We can aspire to start something akin to, say, the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art...and start to acquire past works, sketches, photos or videos of local designers, past and present."

BEYOND TODAY

Undeniably, the development of a strong Singapore style will take time. Despite being a cosmopolitan city with a world-



class infrastructure, Singapore is too young to have a rich style heritage to draw from. Till then, says Pang, "Singaporeans should be encouraged to express and develop their individual styles and perhaps in generations to come, our signature hybrid city style will naturally come through."

Goh agrees, and points out that Singapore style should not be limited to a look, but the trend of wearing local designs. She explains, "I hope that in the near future, Singapore style is...about people choosing to wear creations by Singapore designers. Only then it can be a culture, and that is true Singapore style."

Tan believes there's little need to define a "Singapore style" just yet. "We are too young and too diverse as a cosmopolitan city to pinpoint just one, but then I also think that is the true essence of a cosmopolitan city style. No one can or should define it — a city grows into it in myriad ways. There's no need [*for*] tangible, literal binaries, it will take care of itself."

Scott-Blackhall agrees, "It will undoubtedly gain one over time — predictably one reflecting the image of Singapore... An exemplar of cosmopolitan, contemporary Asia and the dualities therein. I believe that if a definitive Singapore Style is to evolve, it should do so naturally over time...[*to be*] far more authentic and sustainable than one that is the result of a fast-track design initiative.

"For now, it's surely for Singapore men and women to carry themselves with a self-confident sense of style that looks good whether in London, Los Angeles, Milan or Singapore." ELLE



EXHIBIT

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

Does the lack of a strong Singapore style affect how each year's Miss Singapore/ Universe national costume fare? Former Miss Singapore 2011 Valerie Lim and designer Hayden Ng weigh in.



"Singapore's culture is so diverse, we have so many cultural elements to be inspired by! The problem is designers trying to do too many things in one costume. But it's not time to get rid of anything related to orchids, the Merlion or Peranakan themes... They just need to be sexed up. Look at Miss Universe Singapore 2015 Rathi Menon and her Golden Jubilee costume. Who would have thought stars could look so sexy?"
— *Valerie Lim*



"Can a stronger Singapore look contribute to a national costume that better captures the Singapore spirit and culture, without being cheesy? Yes. It can be one that combines the many components of Singapore's different racial identities together. My vision of Singapore style is infusing global fashion trends with local influences."
— *Hayden Ng*



"Stalls that specialise in *kueh tutu* are hard to come by these days. Tan's Tutu at Clementi Central is famed for offering the real deal, with juicy brown coconut encased in a moist flour shell – none of the lurid orange stuff that most places use!" — *Tan Wei Lin, senior writer*



"*Nasi lemak* has always been, and will always be, my comfort food – never once have I grown bored with it." — *Karen Chng, senior designer*





"Nobody makes *kaya* toast like Four Seasons Café (#01-02 Fortune Centre, Middle Road). I like their baguette version – the bread is extra crispy and yummy. The service is grumpy, but it all adds to the charm." — *Lindy Tay, senior designer*

flavours of home

Inspired by Royston Tan's short film, *Old Friends*, Team ELLE shares our *favourite local fare*.



"Juicy prawns, rich, sweet stock, fried shallots and *al dente* noodles all in one bowl. Heaven." — *Dannii Choo, art director*

"One of my favourite ways to spend a Saturday morning: People-watching over a plate of Jian Bo *chwee kueh* (rice cake with fried preserved turnip) at Tiong Bahru Market." — *Michelle Bong, features & lifestyle editor*





"Mum used to buy chicken rice almost every Sunday for lunch when I was growing up. Today, it's one of my top comfort foods. I always get my fix from good ol' Boon Tong Kee." — *Vanessa Chia, beauty & health director*



"Crispy *prata* from Upper Thomson's The Roti Prata House, with a cup of *teh halia*, makes for a perfect supper. Or breakfast, lunch and dinner." — *Gwen Lee, digital writer*



"The porridge here (Chai Chee Porridge, #01-64, Blk 85 Bedok North Street 4) looks like what your grandma would spend hours cooking on a rainy day. Thick, gooey and smooth, it has loads of ingredients, topped with a runny egg yolk." — *Gracia Phang, fashion stylist*



"You either love or hate durian. I'm the former, and the durian puffs from Goodwood Park Hotel come closest to having the real fruit when you don't want to get your fingers dirty." — *Daphne Chen-Cordeiro, fashion editor*

"Ah Hock's fried Hokkien noodles from Chomp Chomp Food Centre is my ultimate comfort food! The noodles are flavourful without being too watery or garlicky, and I haven't been able to find one that tastes similar." — *Lieu Wei Ning, senior beauty writer*





"Sungei Road Laksa at 27 Jalan Berseh is still cooked over a charcoal fire – enough said." — *Stacey Anne Rodrigues, deputy editor*



"When it comes to carrot cake, it doesn't matter if it's black or white." — *Vanessa Yeo, designer*

"Kok Kee Wanton Mee (now at Hoa Nam Building) remains the best post-party sober-up snack. The *char siew*'s dry, the *wantons* unmemorable and the noodles soggy. But damn, the sauce is addictive!" — *Audrey Phoon, digital editor*





"*Bak chor mee* with extra black vinegar and chilli, preferably from Tai Hwa Noodle House in Crawford Lane, is my constant craving when I'm away in Europe – especially for Fashion Week!" — *Sharon Lim, editor-in-chief*

save our food

Like our city's heritage buildings, we need to actively preserve our hawker legacy as we march towards the future, says Michelle Bong.

When it comes to true comfort food, we invariably seek what's closest to our hearts: Dishes, snacks and drinks that we grew up with, each one usually synonymous with a treasured memory. Nostalgia's flavours – sweet, sour, spicy, bitter or salty – will never taste as good as anything served at a three-star Michelin establishment.

That's why I hope our hawker heritage will be preserved – with new initiatives such as the Hawker Master Trainer Pilot Programme/ This collaboration between the Workforce Development Agency (WDA) and the National Environment Agency (NEA) has 50 aspiring hawker entrepreneurs train under veteran hawker masters, who will share their experience in running a hawker business.

Future generations of Singaporeans deserve to experience the *wok hei* of good *char kway teow*, the zing of lime-juice-drenched *sambal* stingray, and tasty *wanton* noodles. Most of all, to lose these dishes would be losing a little bit of our history, and a little bit of ourselves.

raise your glass

Give a toast to the *Singapore Sling* on her 100th birthday with the delicious 2015 spin-off she inspired.

It's one of the most iconic cocktails in the world, and now, the Singapore Sling is a centenarian. The bright-pink cocktail was first created in 1915 at Raffles Hotel's Long Bar by bartender Ngiam Tong Boon, and since then, it's been hailed in some quarters as our country's national drink.

Few may know this, but the Singapore Sling came to be at a time when it wasn't socially acceptable for ladies to consume alcohol in public. So Ngiam created the Sling as a ladies' drink — one that looks deceptively like fruit punch but is actually a potent combo of gin, cherry brandy, Cointreau, Benedictine, pineapple and lime juice, grenadine, and Angostura bitters. It came served in a Collins glass, garnished with a cherry and slice of pineapple.

Her delicious legacy is celebrated through Singapore Slinger, a brand-new creation inspired by "fresh ingredients and healthier choices", and available at recently relocated local watering hole, Bitters & Love.



TEXT **MICHELLE BONG** PHOTOGRAPHY **MARK LEE**



singapore slinger

45ml Corzo Reposado tequila
15ml Benedictine Dom
15ml cherry liqueur
15ml Cointreau
15ml honey
30ml freshly squeezed lime juice
5-6 cubes of fresh pineapple
3-4 black grapes
6 to 7 dashes of Angostura bitters

method:

Muddle the pineapple chunks and black grapes, add all ingredients, give it a good shake and serve over crushed ice.



CELEBRATE A LEGACY

Be part of the Raffles Hotel's activities in tribute to the legendary cocktail.

SLING!

Sign up for a Singapore Sling Masterclass ($88++ per person) taught by the Raffles Singapore bartending team and pick up tips on how to make the perfect cocktail. Three winners will be selected to receive a prize each, and participants can stay on to enjoy snacks and cocktails, before going home with a Singapore Sling glass. Call 6412-1816 or e-mail dining.singapore@raffles.com for details.



EAT!

Sink your teeth into the SlingaPore, a delicious combo of lime sponge, pineapple mousse, Singapore Sling marmalade and cherry jelly. It's available at Ah Teng's Bakery as an individual serving ($6++) or a whole cake ($48++), and at Raffles Grill as an à la carte *dessert ($18++).*



STAY!

Live it up through the Singapore Sling 100th Anniversary Suite Package (from $1,380++), featuring accommodation in a luxurious Courtyard Suite with breakfast for two, a 30-minute private Singapore Sling session at the Long Bar, and a complimentary gift of a Singapore Sling gift basket worth $300 from the Gift Shop. Call 6412-1244 or e-mail roomreservations.singapore@raffles.com.

Explains creator and bartender Naz Arjuna, "Instead of using grenadine (pomegranate syrup, which tends to be bottled and laden with sugar), I muddled fresh pineapple chunks and black grapes for tartness. And instead of sugar, I use honey — it complements the flavour of Corzo Reposado tequila, which is mild with hints of vanilla and honey."

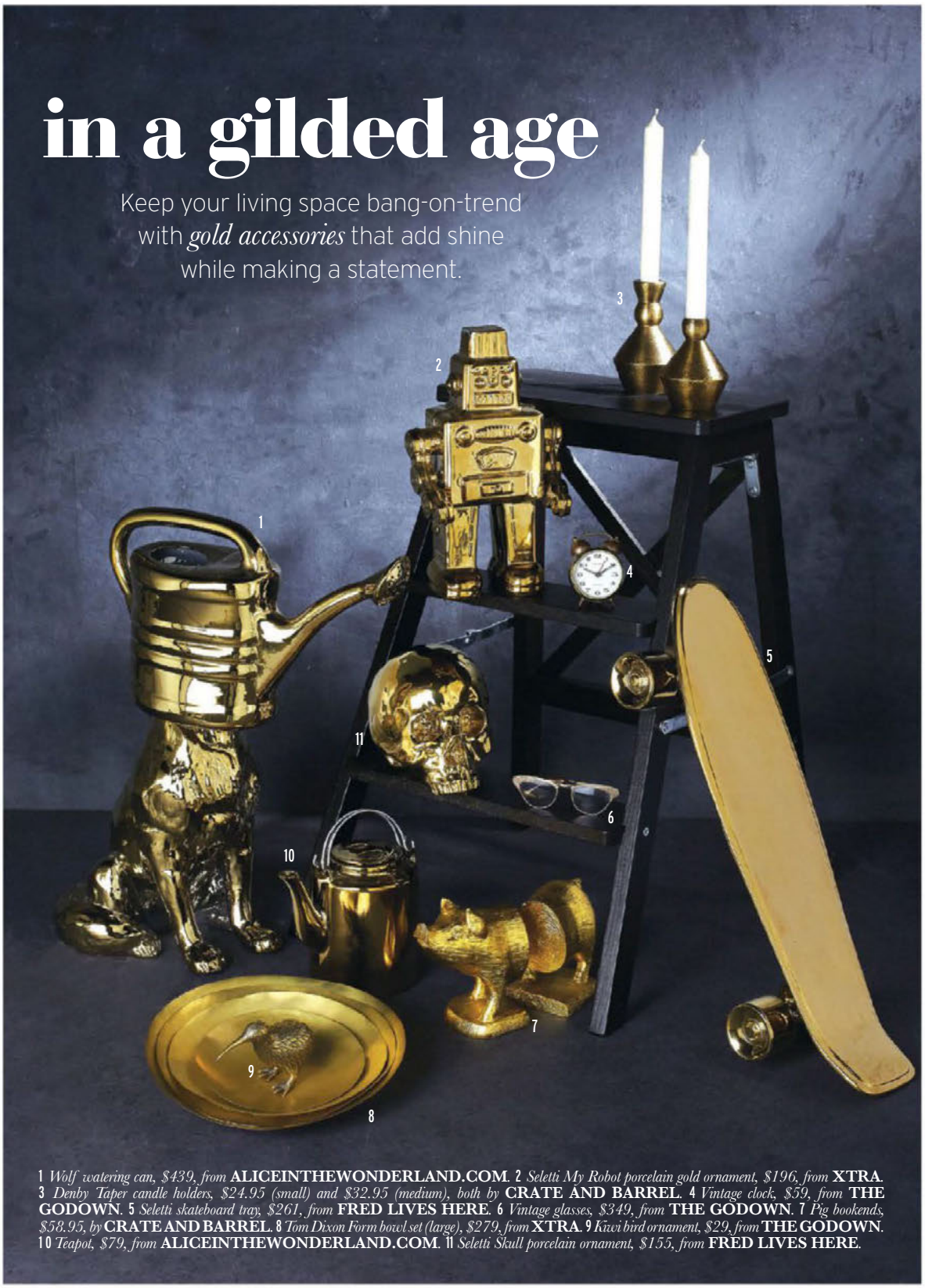
"I've replaced gin with Corzo Reposado tequila, which is starting to be discovered on the local bar scene. Few bars have yet to stock it. Triple-distilled and double-aged, it has a smooth, refined flavour — so it can actually be used as a cocktail ingredient, unlike other strong, smoky tequilas best enjoyed as shots.

"I've also retained the use of Benedictine Dom, as it's a star ingredient in the Sling, and its botanical flavours really come through. The drink is served with a water pistol filled with orange blossom water, which can be added to the cocktail to heighten the drinking experience."

Hotfoot down to the bar for a taste, or make Singapore Slingers for your dinner party. You can find the ingredients at the supermarket, and a bottle of Corzo Reposado tequila at Bitters and Love (118 Telok Ayer Street) at $260. Water pistol not included. ELLE

in a gilded age

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BRIGHT BEATS

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HERE TO STAY

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fresh from the sea

Celebrity chef Daniel Boulud has outdone himself yet again with the newly refurbished **DB BISTRO & OYSTER BAR** at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, which boasts a brand-new oyster bar in the middle of the restaurant. Serving the freshest seafood from around the world – selected daily by executive chef Jonathan Kinsella – new menu additions include the signature Seafood Platters.



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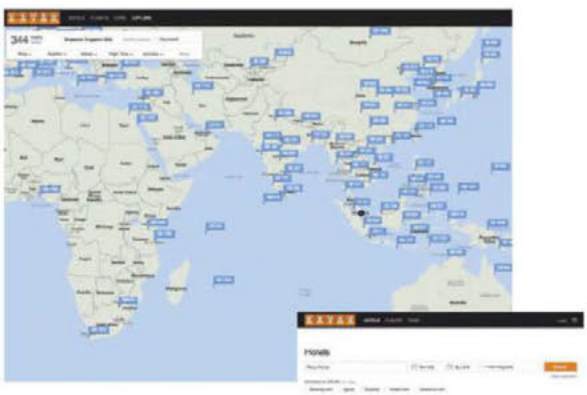
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It's time to pack those bags and head to Osaka as **SCOOT** announces its services to the popular Japanese destination, via Bangkok and Kaohsiung. Comfy seats, inflight wi-fi and video entertainment await you onboard one of the 787 Dreamliner aircraft to your destination, where you can explore the Dotonbori food district, its castle and Universal Studios Japan.



BREATHTAKING SCENES

Here to enhance your viewing experience is the **SONY** Bravia TVTM range. It not only supports Google's latest Android TV operating system, but also incorporates improved features such as Google Cast and Voice Search. Enjoy greater image clarity, contrast and quality that will take entertainment to the next level.



travel smart



Planning your next trip? Check out **KAYAK** for the best time to book flights that promise savings of up to 43 per cent. The travel search engine divulges its top hacks, including how early to book flights for both long-haul and regional trips. Also check out tools such as My Trips, which organises all booking confirmations into an interactive travel itinerary that's accessible from home, office and on the go. A godsend, for even the most organised traveller.

FRAGRANCES WE'RE LOVING THIS MONTH...

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POMELLATO NUDO *Blue Eau de Parfum, from $59.*

SHANGHAI TANG *The Silk Road Fragrance Collection – Orchid Bloom.*



ON SIGHT

If the eyes are the window to the soul, getting bright, beautiful peepers should be the first step of your beauty regimen.



SEED X HEROINE MAKE 1-DAY UV CONTACT LENS

A match made in heaven, Japan's leading contact lens manufacturer joins hands with a cult Japanese eye makeup brand to launch your next beauty must-have. This range of lenses creates a defined outline around the iris for bright, sparkling eyes. $62 (box of 30 pairs). At leading optical stores.



1-DAY ACUVUE DEFINE WITH LACREON

Designed to enhance Asian eyes while creating a cushion of moisture with the help of Lacreon, a unique wetting agent, you'll get the best of both worlds in eye beauty and eye health. $68. At leading optical stores.



SAY IT WITH ORCHIDS

Besides being Singapore's national flower, did you know that the orchid is also a prized skincare ingredient? It can improve skin tone, lock in moisture, and fight against free radical damage. Used in the **PORCELAIN** Revive Makeup Cleanser, it helps to dislodge stubborn grime while soothing sensitive skin. And in celebration of Singapore's 50th birthday, Porcelain is donating all proceeds from its sales this month to Touch Community Services. $55. At Porcelain The Face Spa.

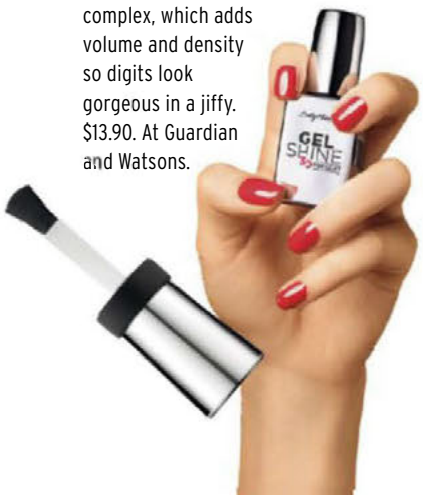


A-B-C

Bringing some bling your way is **MONICA VINADER**'s personalised Alphabet collection. Spell out your (or a loved one's) name with a mix of upper- and lower-case characters, available in both polished and textured finishes. The range counts celebrities like Anna Kendrick and Cara Delevingne as fans.

SHINY, HAPPY DIGITS

For a time- and pocket-friendly alternative to gel manis, try **SALLY HANSEN**'s new Gel Shine 3D Top Coat. Going easily over a polish, it adds a super-glossy shine – no UV-light-curing required. The magic is in its plumping vinyl complex, which adds volume and density so digits look gorgeous in a jiffy. $13.90. At Guardian and Watsons.





local flavour

HONEY CREME is reeling us in yet again with two new flavours to commemorate SG50 and its new store at Jem. Try the Honey Creme Pandan Gula Melaka, a soft serve with layers of puffed rice, *attap chee* and coconut chips — it's only available till the end of September, so dig in soon. Alternatively, order their Honey Crème Cereal Milk for a sweetly unconventional breakfast.

jewels just in

Featuring the latest jewellery works, from brands we all love.



Dusky necklace, by **SWAROVSKI**.



Belles Rives choker, by **FRED**.



Orchid parade ring, by **RISIS**.



Fly Entertainment artiste Rebecca Tan and 987FM DJ Tabitha Nauser.



ENJOY THE SHOW

Embracing its new identity as Singapore Fashion Week (SFW), Singapore's hottest fashion event — formerly known as the Audi Fashion Festival — took place from 13 to 17 May at Tent@Ngee Ann City. After eight successful editions as a consumer-centric fashion festival, its scope expanded to include thought-leadership initiatives and industry development. As with its previous incarnations, fashion shows took top billing. Featuring top-notch collections by renowned and emerging designers, the festival showcased collections by Victoria Beckham, Diane von Furstenberg, Dzojchen, Thakoon and Dion Lee, among others. Home-grown designers Priscilla Shunmugam of Ong Shunmugam and Sabrina Goh of Elohim also presented their latest creations.







All eyes were on the models who walked for the various shows.





Actress Oon Shu An and model Sheila Sim were among the guests.

STARS ON PARADE

Local celebrities, social influencers and other VIP guests were out in full force at the Tent, adding glitz and glamour to the occasion. Spotted among the large crowds were Lush 99.5FM DJ Rosalyn Lee, Jade Seah, Tracy Phillips and makeup maven Larry Yeo.



TEXT MONISHA KISHIN

PARTNERS IN STYLE

The event was made possible with sponsors and collaborators including St. Regis Singapore, Lee Hwa Jewellery, DeLaCour, SK-II, L'Oréal Professionnel, Sony and Tangs. Thanks to their efforts, the five-day fashion extravaganza was a resounding success. Guests were seen sipping on special Belvedere vodka martinis and coffee cocktails by Nespresso, admiring accessory displays from DeLaCour, and having their pictures taken at the #TANGSxSGFW fashion wall.









Experts show us how it's done.









Prepping for the runway shows involved the creation of winged eyes, lush lips and tousled manes.

BACKSTAGE BUZZ

While a flurry of activities went on before guests took their seats for the fashion shows, things backstage were equally frantic. Models were seen sporting face masks from official skincare sponsor SK-II before walking the runway for the much-awaited Victoria Beckham Fall/Winter 2015 runway closing show. Makeup artists for Nars were elbows-deep in a mix of eyeliners, eyeshadows and foundations, prepping models walking the shows for Dzojchen and Diane von Furstenberg. Meanwhile, L'Oréal Professionnel hairstylists were seen giving models effortlessly chic low buns, and slicked-back styles for the Sabrina Goh and Dion Lee shows. We're already looking forward to SFW 2016! ELLE



L'Oréal Professionnel products promised volume and shine.

LEO

23 JUL – 23 AUG

A period of great opportunity that has been open to you since last summer is coming to an end now. If you haven't made your final choice yet, there is still a good range of options to choose from – but time is pressing. By the end of this month, the planets will have moved on, and it is possible that you could be left with nothing. Think carefully, but quickly; if in doubt, go with your heart rather than your head.



ABOUT YOU

If you want to watch star quality in action, watch a Leo. Every Leo works out what they're best at — and every one is different — and then makes it their signature. It's always done with real style and confidence, and it's an inspiration for the rest of us. Where would we be without Leos to show us the way? Your lucky colours: Gold, orange, red.

VIRGO
24 AUG – 23 SEP

Have you ever had a present so good that you put it back in the box just so that you could have the joy of opening it again? The next few weeks could be like that, as your life takes a big step forward. At first you can't quite believe it, and have to keep telling yourself that it's really happening. But you must also start thinking about what you want from this; it has a momentum of its own, and you will need to steer it.

LIBRA
24 SEP – 23 OCT

You seem unwilling to make an important relationship decision. Perhaps you are unsure of which way to go, and if that is so then taking time to think is good. Or do you think it's best to keep things as they are, because the benefits still outweigh the drawbacks? A relationship can never really stand still; if it can't move and develop, it fades. The choice you are trying to avoid is not an option, therefore, but a necessity.

SCORPIO
24 OCT – 22 NOV

Do you have to win every battle? If you can see that you're not winning, isn't it easier and cheaper simply to give up and walk away, or does your sense of pride insist that you fight on to the end? That only makes sense if you have no alternative, but this month offers you something far better and easier. All you have to do is step from one to the other. Don't worry about what you are leaving behind, just do it.

SAGITTARIUS
23 NOV – 21 DEC

The forces of Fate are having an end-of-season sale, and if what's on offer is what you want, then there's no reason not to go for it. But bear in mind that the next big chapter of your life will open very shortly, and that could well change your priorities. Think of the next few weeks as a chance to have some fun and tick a few boxes on your "want" list – but not as the foundation of anything long-term.

CAPRICORN
22 DEC – 19 JAN

When an old rival tells you that you are unlikely to get any further, you ignore it. But when someone you trust says the same thing just a day later, you are furious. They have a point: You have come a long way, and to climb higher will take a lot of effort. But it is up to you, not others, to decide where you stop – and being told that you have reached your limit is just the incentive you need to prove them all wrong.

AQUARIUS
20 JAN – 18 FEB

Should you give an old love affair a second chance? Your first instinct is to say no, but your partner is determined to get you to change your mind. The next few weeks are a charm offensive like none you have ever experienced, with gifts, messages and little treats showered upon you, plus constant promises that it will all be different this time. Will you give in? Perhaps, but not quite yet; you're having too much fun.

PISCES
19 FEB – 20 MAR

Times of transition, such as moving into a new career or a new relationship, are always difficult. You prepare yourself for that, expecting to make mistakes. But this month, as you step from one way of life to another, there are no such mishaps, which puzzles you. Maybe it is because there are friends nearby at every stage to help and support; but it may also be that you have finally found your destined path.

ARIES
21 MAR – 19 APR

If you know where you're going, then there is no reason not to proceed straight to your destination; but if you're on a voyage of discovery, with no specific objective in mind, it's a good thing to stop now and again. Not only can you enjoy the delights of wherever you happen to be, but you can also think about your next move. What you wanted when you started out, and what you want now, may not be the same.

TAURUS
20 APR – 20 MAY

This is one of those times when you see what you want, but say no because you haven't yet seen what else is on offer, and you want to check out all the available options. After a while, you realise that the first one was actually the best, so you rush back to claim it, praying that somebody else hasn't taken it while you were away. Relax. It's still there and waiting for you – and just as good as you remember it.

GEMINI
21 MAY – 21 JUN

When something doesn't work, you look for an alternative. If that doesn't work, you look for something else, and in the early days of August, you are so desperate to get a result you try almost anything you can find, but none of it is right. The only answer is to stop, and let it all go. Let your self-imposed deadline pass. Ask yourself what you were trying to do, and why. Start again a few days later and all will be well.

CANCER
22 JUN – 22 JUL

We are always being told not to worry about what has already happened, or what might happen, but to live in the moment, and for the next few weeks, that seems good advice. You have already done all you can to secure your future, and must wait for events to unfold. Looking in the other direction, there is no point in trying to revive an old relationship; its best days are over. Live in the present, not the past.

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SPOTTED

flared jeans

Yeah, we can't get enough of this *'70s staple.*

Remember when we ditched our bell-bottoms for skinny jeans in the '90s? Yeah, now do the reverse.

Our skinnies have been an essential for over a decade — versatile enough to pair with just about anything and oh-so-comfortable we wanted to wear them for every occasion. But they have also become, dare we say, a little *boring*.

Enter the flared jean. Known as the poster pant for the '70s hippie movement, the jeans have been spotted on bloggers, models and tastemakers alike this season. Spring/Summer's Louis Vuitton and Gucci collections were also dominated by them, and it's not hard to see why. Instead of blending in (like our skinnies did), these stand out without being too over-the-top. Funny for a pant that has its origins as part of the US Navy uniform.

The perfect pair of flares can instantly elongate legs, hugging you from the waist down then gradually flaring out from the knees. Add a pair of heels and you'll be ready to conquer the world. ELLE



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Go casual with flared culottes or look sleek with hems that skim the floor.



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Put on a pair with an exaggerated flare for added drama.

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Wear your flares with platforms, chunky heels or wedges to balance out the dramatic silhouette.



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EXCLUSIVE *TROPICAL ESCAPADE*

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On 4 June, close to 50 readers joined us at a Tropical Escapade with ELLE and Pandora, held at Fika Swedish Café and Bistro at Millenia Walk. At the event, fashion stylist Jimmy Wong introduced the new Pandora Summer 2015 collection, which takes inspiration from a tropical oasis. Illustrating a dreamy scene is lush tropical foliage in sterling silver and 14K gold, decorated with gleaming cubic zirconia stones.

In this exclusive collaboration with ELLE Singapore, Wong shared with the readers ways to style different looks using the jewellery pieces from Pandora's Summer collection. Participants also picked up tips from social media influencer Jayne Tham on styling and shooting Insta-worthy flat-lays. Equipped with Pandora bracelets, charms and summer essentials, everyone styled their own shots and submitted their best images onto Instagram.





Fashion stylist Jimmy Wong.









An ELLE reader completing her look with Pandora's Summer 2015 collection.

They were then ushered to the Pandora boutique at Millenia Walk to enjoy some exclusive shopping privileges while Wong and Tham helped out as their personal shoppers. Each walked home with a goodie bag at the end of the evening.



Social media influencer Jayne Tham with ELLE readers at the event.

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